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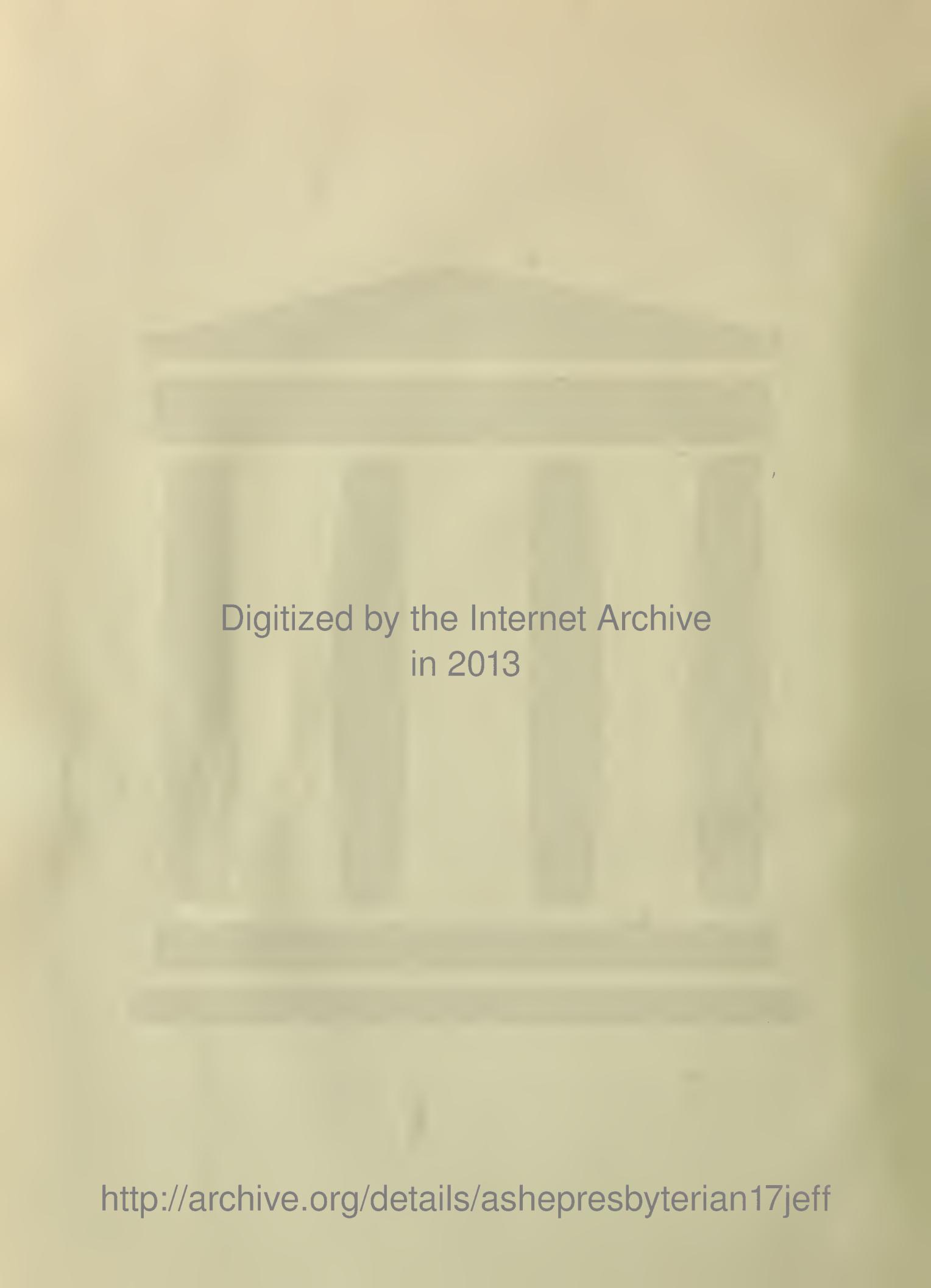


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# THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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## When Dreams Come True

### History of Ashe Presbyterianism Related by the First Presbyterian in the County.

The velvety, fragrant petals of the roses in the bridal corsage had withered. Mrs. J. Edmund Foster, a new bride, found herself a singular being in Ashe County. She was the only Presbyterian. Having been reared in a Presbyterian home in Caswell County, and herself a staunch and loyal member, as she is until this present day, she began to yearn and to dream of the day when she would have Presbyterian companionship.

Mrs. Foster, as though it were yesterday, tells with remarkable authenticity of the ice-breaking and pioneer days of Presbyterianism in Ashe County.

In the fall of 1896 Mrs. Foster was returning from Winston, and as the train was stopping in Elkin she saw the Rev. C. W. Robinson outside. He soon joined her and she made this Macedonian appeal: "I am the only Presbyterian in Ashe, and I would be glad to have you come over and preach for us." In November, 1896, Rev. C. W. Robinson broke the ice. He preached 11 times, and seeing the great need for evangelistic work, gave the warning that very soon a new blossom would be seen in Ashe County—a little Presbyterian plant.

But it was thought by some that there was fragrance and beauty sufficient without importing anything additional. Presbyterianism had to be acclimated. One citizen said: "Presbyterianism is not needed over here." The local editor, with his vast ecclesiastical and historical knowledge in a flight of eloquence in which he sunned the density of his amply furnished mind, said "The Calvinistic creed was born neither in heaven or earth, but in hell!" That day brought new knowledge to Israel.

One delightful fall day of the next year Mrs. Foster, responding to a knock on her door, greeted a youthful minister who was destined to do a great work for His Lord among the hills. This was Rev. E. E. Gillespie, who had been staying at Reddies River, at the foot of the mountain. Immediately he plunged zealously into the work and made a host of friends. He was a genial fellow, a student and a worker, just the man to link up and start a great work. Not yet could he build a church in Jefferson. The first church he built was Ebenezer, in 1897. With his own hands he made seats for Ebenezer

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## The Word

By Rev. J. H. Grey

The Word is the instrument that God uses in doing a great many things in the life of the Christian. He uses it in his conversion and regeneration. He uses it to deliver him from the power of sin—"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee"—Ps. 119:11. His plan is to keep down the evil and crowd it out by the good, that is by the Word. It is illustrated by this little story I read some time ago in which the writer said: "When a small child the mind became filled with impure stories. I never indulged in vile conversation, but the habit of impure thinking remained until one day I realized I was the absolute slave of this habit. I cried to God for deliverance and He gave me it this way. I was led to commit Scripture to memory, and when a train of impure thoughts started through my mind

## Wants

- 1. Organ for Ebenezer.
- 2. Organ for Peak Creek.
- 3. Two Lay Workers.
- 4. Another Full-time Minister.
- 5. PRAYERS of the Church.

I began to repeat a chapter and the effect was truly miraculous. As I persisted day after day, when the old habit reasserted itself the chains were broken—my mind was freed, cleansed with the washing of water by the Word."

"This Word will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this Word."

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

Jefferson—July 18-27—Rev. E. N. Caldwell, of Graham, N. C.

Ebenezer—July 30-August 8—Rev. P. H. Gwynn, of Leaksville, N. C.

Obids—August 10-19—Rev. Geo. W. Lee, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Peak Creek—August 30-September 9—Rev. R. H. Stone.

Mr. D. R. Freeman will attend all of these revivals and will conduct the song service and will accompany the organ or piano with the cornet. He is also a fine personal worker and will assist in this capacity.

## Who Are Presbyterians?

There is, on the part of many, a mistaken conception as to why we are called "Presbyterians." It is *not* because of our doctrinal standards as set forth by the Westminster Assembly, in London, in 1643-49. Our doctrine has nothing to do with our name. We, as do several other denominations, get our name from our system of government. Needless to say to Presbyterians cradled in our system that the Presbyterian system of government comes directly from the Bible. It means rule by elders. The word elder in the Greek is "Presbyter." Elders have ruled since the day of Moses.

After the Apostolic Church merged into the Early Church our system of government and a great deal of the Bible teaching was corrupted. It remained, gradually getting further away from the God-appointed way, until the day of John Calvin, a Frenchman, born July 10, 1509. It was Calvin, one of the greatest figures in church history, who cleared the Bible teachings, both as to government and doctrine, of the superstition and corruption of the Middle Ages. Another great name in our church history is that of John Knox, the Scotchman, who made Scotland Presbyterian.

We are called Presbyterians because we are ruled by elders.

## What Presbyterians Believe

The writer was once asked, "What do Presbyterians believe?" To which he replied, "Just what the Bible teaches." Other churches believe the same thing, and we respect their opinion, for we know that none of us see just exactly alike. But our every belief is based on ample Scripture texts. If you want to study our doctrine you will find it stated in the Confession of Faith and Catechism as prepared by the Westminster Assembly. This body was composed of 151 members—121 divines and 30 sent from the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Most of these were Calvinistic. These men were the intellectual giants and scholars of England and Scotland. It is one of the most learned bodies that ever was convened.

Just what the Bible teaches us, Presbyterians believe. The Five Points of Calvinism are: total depravity; unconditional election; particular redemption; irresistible grace; and perseverance of the saints. We believe in the Sovereignty of God and the sinfulness of man and of our need of a Saviour.

Presbyterians are great believers in the Bible doctrine of Predestination, which is greatly misunderstood by many. It is simply

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## The Ashe Presbyterian

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### EDITORIAL

It is the hope of the Executive Board as it sends The Ashe Presbyterian on its initial issue that it will function in several particulars: to give the members of our churches something of the history of the church to which they belong; to give a brief bit of history and doctrine of the Presbyterian Church; to set forth the purpose of the Association; and to inform the members of Orange Presbytery and others interested in our work of what is being done and of our opportunities and needs. Opportunity is knocking at our door and will Presbyterians respond? The services of our ministers are well attended. What we need is more ministers. Read the appeal of President J. C. Crawford.

The Association of Elders and Deacons will soon have its second birthday. It was born out of a desire for Presbyterian fellowship and unity to be woven into service for the Master. The elders and deacons of our four churches since forming this union have developed a unity and a fellowship and there is a unanimity of purpose that would have been impossible without such an organization. The infant not quite a year old has gone to work. They have gotten Presbyterian recognition. In the 1922 fall session Elder A. R. Vail made an address representing the Association. The result is that a manse is soon to be erected; the first pastor that the group of churches has ever called is to be installed in July; there seems to be a desire to improve the church equipment and to meet our benevolent quotas as never before.

We feel that this organization will be of great help to our work and that there is a sphere in which it can serve and be of unlimited service to the Kingdom of God in Ashe County. However, our scope is not to be bounded or limited by county lines.

### APPEAL OF PRESIDENT CRAWFORD

"Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

We are compassed about with a great crowd of witnesses—Baptists, Methodists, and others doing a grand and noble work in Ashe County. In order to lay aside the sin of neglect we called together the elders and deacons of the four weak churches of Ashe County and organized The Ashe Presbyterian Association. We have had four meetings, which we feel have been a great blessing to us and beneficial in many ways.

The four churches of Ashe are compassed about by many hills, rugged mountains, beautiful valleys in which sin doth abound in every shade and type. Many places in the grand old county are without Sunday Schools and preaching. No one man of ordinary physical strength and ability can possibly meet the demands being made upon the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe today. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is pealing forth and reverberating from valley to valley and hill-top to hill-top.

May YOU hear and heed the great call!

### WHO ARE PRESBYTERIANS?

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God's purpose as to the everlasting destiny of men and angels. It is not the details of our lives, but that which decrees at which one of life's terminals our souls will spend eternity.

We believe in the Deity of Christ and in the Virgin Birth and that there is none other name under heaven whereby men must be saved. We preach the efficacy of the Cross—that without coming to the Cross of Christ no man is saved.

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit and that His power can be had in great measure today.

"The catholicity (liberality) of the Presbyterian Church appears in her one condition of church membership. She demands nothing whatever for admission to her fold except a confession, uncontradicted by the life, of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The applicant is not asked to subscribe to our Standards or assent to our theology. He is not required to be a Calvinist, but only to be a Christian. He is not examined as to his orthodoxy, but only as to his 'faith in and obedience unto Christ.' He may have imperfect notions about the Trinity and the Atonement; he may question infant baptism, election, and final perseverance; but if he trusts and obeys Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord, the door of the Presbyterian Church is open to him, and all the privileges of her communion are his."—(Quoted from The Creed of Presbyterians, by Egbert W. Smith, pp. 198-9).

These are some of our fundamental beliefs; and Presbyterianism rings true, as we believe, to God's Word.

### Presbyterians' Place in the World

The form of our government began with the 70 elders appointed by Moses. Some are inclined to trace it to Abraham, and others even to Adam. Since Moses' day there have

been a great many changes. A great many different denominations have arisen. The number of Presbyterians in the world is not at hand just now. It was at one time the Established Church of England. It is today the Established Church of Scotland. It was Calvinism that brought religious liberty to several countries of northern Europe. It has been one of the greatest blessings to the world in spheres other than religious, and in this it is well nigh incomparable.

The main sources of Presbyterianism in America are the Dutch, the French Huguenots, and the Scotch-Irish and pure Scotch—the Highlanders. The father of American Presbyterianism is Francis Mackemic, who arrived in America in 1683. He preached from South Carolina to New York. The first American Presbyterian Church was organized in 1684. The first Presbytery was organized in 1706, at Philadelphia. The first Synod was organized in the same city in 1717 with 17 ministers present. Not until 1789 was the organization of the General Assembly effected.

There are in the United States 6,726,689 Presbyterians, according to latest figures at the writer's command.

In 1861 the Presbyterian Church was split. On December 4, 1861, the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States was born. After the war it became the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or popularly called the Southern Presbyterian Church. There are in it today 17 Synods, 88 Presbyteries, 2,092 ministers, more than 3,500 churches with a membership of 424,492.

Those of us in Ashe County are members of Orange Presbytery (set off from Hanover Presbytery in 1770), whose "Statistical Report to the General Assembly, 1922-23" reports 52 ministers, 87 churches, and 12,522 members. This Presbytery consists of 15 counties. Numerically Presbyterians are not by far the largest body of Protestants. Someone has accurately said, "You do not count Presbyterians, you weigh them." In proportion to their number they have given more to the world than almost any church. A single instance is its per capita benevolent gifts to the extension of the Kingdom of God.

The characteristics of the Southern Presbyterian Church, as given by Dr. W. L. Lingle, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., are:

1. Jealous loyalty to the Westminster Standards. (The most orthodox of all churches).
2. Strict creedal subscription.
3. Synods and councils shall handle only the spiritual and not the civil affairs.
4. Plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible.
5. Holds some traditions of the church.
6. Separate church for the colored people.
7. Great missionary church.
8. An evangelistic church.
9. Large emphasis on training of the young.

## CONSTITUTION

### Of the Association of Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County.

We, the elders and deacons of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County, do hereby associate ourselves to perpetuate an organization for the purpose and under the name hereinafter mentioned. And to that end we do set forth the following articles:

#### I.

The name of the organization shall be The Association of Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County.

#### II.

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the Kingdom of God and to uplift fallen humanity.

Section 2. Further, to bring about a closer relationship between the churches, societies, schools, Sunday Schools, and other affiliating organizations.

Section 3. The Association shall be on the alert for new spheres of influence: opening up new fields of work, and conferring with pastors and workers as to visitations, personal work, etc.

Section 4. To insist that each church, as far as possible, get its financial affairs on a more efficient basis. To this end it requests the elders and deacons to keep in touch with their respective non-resident communicants.

#### III.

It is the hope of the Association that we might be able to make yearly reports and recommendations as to the outlook, progress and growth of the work under Presbyterian control in Ashe County to the Spring meeting of Orange Presbytery.

#### IV.

This shall be a permanent organization under this constitution until a majority of its members deem it expedient to disorganize or to broaden its usefulness and to make it a general laymen's organization.

#### V.

The membership shall be composed of the elders, deacons, pastors, pastors' assistants and Sunday School workers of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County.

#### VI.

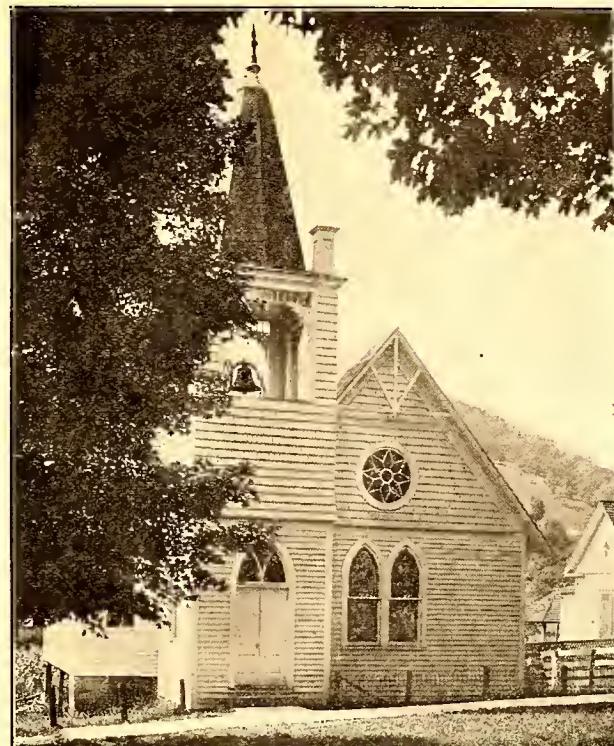
The administration of the Association shall be by an Executive Board composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall manage the affairs of the Association for one year beginning with the ecclesiastical year. It shall have general control of all the affairs and obligations of the Association. Said board to be elected annually by the members of the Association.

#### VII.

The official organ of the Association shall be The Ashe Presbyterian, to be published annually in June. This publication is to be under the direction of the Executive Board.

#### VIII.

This Constitution may be altered, amend-



The Jefferson Presbyterian Church, where the Three Hundred and Fifth Sessions of Orange Presbytery were held last September.

### JULY HAS BIG PROGRAM FOR JEFFERSON

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church from July 1-8 inclusive conducts a Daily Vacation Bible School under the direction of Miss Patte Jordan, of Durham. On July 15th the commission appointed by Orange Presbytery, consisting of Revs. E. N. Caldwell, C. W. Ervin, and S. M. Rankin, and J. C. Crawford, John Burgess and A. R. Vail, will ordain and install the pastor-elect. Mr. Rankin will preside. Mr. Caldwell will preach the sermon, and Mr. Ervin will deliver the charges. This is to be a great day and all the Presbyterian churches of the county and all of our friends are invited to attend. The

ladies are requested to bring dinner, which will be served on the grounds. This is to be a big day in Jefferson. After Sunday School in the afternoon Mr. Ervin will preach. Mr. Caldwell will preach again at 8:00 p. m. On Monday night the installation at Obids will take place; at Ebenezer at 10 a. m. Tuesday, 17th, and on the same day at Peak Creek, at 3:00 p. m.

Its annual evangelistic meeting will be conducted again by him who last year completely won hundreds by his personality and power in the pulpit, Rev. E. N. Caldwell. The dates are July 18-27 inclusive. We are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as this church has never seen.

All are cordially invited to take part in this great July program.

ed, modified or added to by a majority vote of all the members of the Association.

The Association of Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County was born July 25, 1922, shortly after 3:00 p. m., in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The following were present: Elders, E. A. McNeill, A. R. Vail, John Burgess, J. C. Crawford, G. W. Bowlin, Jesse Baker, Don Bare, N. L. Brooks, and C. R. Jackson, and Elders-at-large, A. A. Finney and R. H. Stone, and Laymen Tom Bare and Edward McNeill. The purpose was for an organization, whose Constitution is printed above.

The Executive Board for the first year is J. C. Crawford, President; E. A. McNeill, Vice-President, and A. R. Vail, Secretary-Treasurer.



Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of York, S. C., who followed the Presbyterian trail, blazed by Rev. C. W. Robinson, into Ashe and "lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes!"

Rev. James W. Witherspoon, who held a meeting at Obids and is pleasantly remembered by many, is associate pastor of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg, Va.

## WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

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Church. This edifice was built with the help of the community.

In 1898 there joined Mr. Gillespie the Rev. J. H. Gray, also youthful, friendly, and a consecrated worker. A finer pair of men never planted foot upon Ashe soil. Today they are equally beloved in their respective circles of activity.

Services in Jefferson were held in the Methodist Church. The geniality and Christ-like qualities of these two youths melted many of the icy barricades and opposition began to fold its tent and as silently steal away.

In 1898 Mr. Gillespie made a trip to Salisbury to interview Mrs. A. C. Davis, a former resident of Jefferson, in regard to a Presbyterian Church. She gave him the proceeds from the sale of a New River farm, which sold for \$1,200. But on what site should the church stand?

One morning Mrs. Foster stood at her window and, drawing the curtain aside and looking across the street, said to Major Foster, her husband, "I dreamed we had a church outside and that it so obstructed my view that I couldn't see the jail."

"You know Dr. Wylie Colvard would not sell you that lot, for his office is there," encouraged the Major.

"That is my dream lot," was Mrs. Foster's phrase. She saw Mr. Gillespie, who interviewed Dr. Colvard and the lot was ours. With what money they had and with what subscriptions Mrs. Foster secured from her host of friends, they were ready to begin. Before the soil was broken for the foundation for the Jefferson Presbyterian Church on "Dream Lot" Mr. Gillespie preached his farewell sermon from the text, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

In 1899 Rev. Allen Jones, Jr., came direct from Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond. He was greatly beloved and was popularly called "The Bishop of Ashe." Probably he worked with our outside ecclesiastical connections as did no other for the good of the work.

On July 15, 1900, the "Dream Lot" was the scene of a great occasion. On it stood a handsome gray edifice, touched in white, with beautiful stained glass memorial windows. It was dedication day and Rev. Robert E. Caldwell, D.D., of Winston, preached an eloquent and spiritual dedicatory sermon.

July 22, 1900, the church was organized with 32 members. On this day Rev. Allen Jones, Jr., moderated the initial meeting of the session at which the following officers were elected: Ruling Elders—John T. Bledsoe, E. A. McNeill, and Anson R. Vail, and Deacons—Richard Gentry, Jas. R. McEwen, and Wm. H. McNeill. Of this body Dr. Caldwell said this church is as well manned as any.

The last session moderated by Mr. Jones was April 9, 1902. Then on March 19, 1903,

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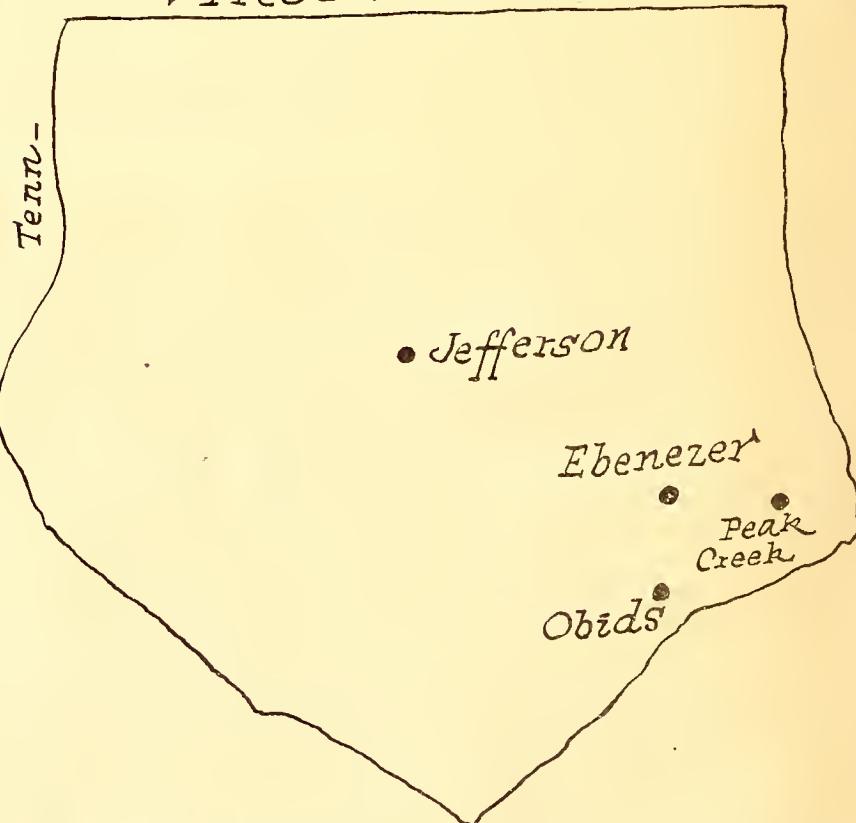
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This represents the 399 square miles of Ashe County in which reside the nearly 23,000 people. The northern and western parts of the county are fine sections and, as not represented, there is not a single Presbyterian church. Neither is there a chapel or mission point of our Church. Our four churches are relatively in one part of the county and it is impossible for the resident minister to do his duty toward four churches and do any sustained extension work. The pastor-elect is preaching at other points while Mr. Freeman is here for the summer.

When Seminary opens—What then? One lone Presbyterian minister, with four churches, and an entire county for a field. There are excellent opportunities for the opening of new Sunday Schools and there are unaccepted invitations to preach in other parts of the county. Is there not, appealing to common sense, a dire need for at least one and preferably two, additional full-time ministers? There should be at least, for the present, two additional lay workers.

WHAT SAY THE CHURCHES?

Rev. S. Calvin Smith moderated a meeting, and his last is November 15th of that year. This date, however, did not terminate Mr. Smith's work in this county, for on December 3, 1903, Obids Church was organized with 14 members. Assisting Mr. Smith in the organization there was Rev. M. C. Arrowood. Mr. Smith, because of the ravages of tuberculosis, had to leave a host of friends and an incomplete work for Texas. The fine and spiritual impression made by this consecrated man of God is an indelible one.

The session record shows that Rev. R. K. Mosely moderated sessions between April 9, 1907, and November 29, 1908. This was a time of activity for there were many meetings.

During intervals between these ministers, seminary students came in during the summers: Messrs. Dixon, Phipps, Baker, Cost, Murray and others.

Rev. J. C. Brown was here from 1914-1916. Rev. E. W. Thompson, full of energy, a lover of and greatly beloved of God's people, and every ounce a Presbyterian, with the organization of the Peak Creek to his credit, served from 1916-1922.

Today we are standing on the foundations constructed by some of the most consecrated and sweet-souled men into whom God ever breathed the breath of life. Our heritage is a peculiar one. We are united. Love has turned hatred and bitterness into peace and co-operation. Our banners are floating on the breeze. Our prayers are wafted to heaven requesting God's blessing upon our work and upon the work of His Kingdom throughout the wide-earth. Our officers are leaders in thought and action in the various phases of commercial, industrial, agricultural and mechanical activity. There is an inexpressible bond of feeling between these four churches. The elders and deacons are organized and are seeking through various ways to witness for the Master.

The dream has come true in a remarkable way. The churches are soon to install their pastor-elect, also he is to be ordained in the Jefferson church, having supplied the pulpit during his two seminary vacations. He comes to the field with plans for the extension of the work into various crannies of the mountains. He is not a stormy pulpiteer, but a lover of people, a teaching pastor with a deep appreciation of Sunday School work, taking God's name to the minds of children where it is not heard during the week except in profane and blasphemous utterances.

Mr. D. R. Freeman is associated with him for four months this summer. He is a member of the rising Senior class in Union Theological Seminary and was reared in one of the largest rural churches in the Assembly—Steele Creek, of Mecklenburg County. He is a cornetist of rare ability and a preacher of power. Already his services are in great demand. In addition to the regular churches there are other preaching points and only a



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lack of time and ministers prevents us from having many more.

From July 1-8 Miss Pattie Jordan, a sweet-spirited, unselfish soul of Durham First Church, is to direct a Daily Vacation Bible School, the first to be held in the county.

We have dreamed other dreams. Our faces are Godward, and with the co-operation of

God's Holy Spirit we are going onward and ever forward for Him.

### THE MOUNTAINS

The mountains stand and laugh at time,  
They pillar up the earth,  
They watch the ages pass, they bring  
New centuries to birth.

—Julian Grenfell.

## ASHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rev. R. H. Stone, Pastor-elect.  
 Mr. D. R. Freeman, Assistant.  
**EBENEZER** (1897) — 30 members.  
 Preaching every second Sunday. Elders: John Burgess, N. L. Brooks, D. C. Bare, and George H. Farrington. Deacon: Nelson Severt.  
**JEFFERSON** (1900) — 45 members.  
 Preaching third Sundays at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Elders: E. A. McNeill and A. R. Vail. Acting Deacons: J. P. Colvard and E. F. Scott.

**OBIDS** (1903)—28 members. Preaching on first Sunday of each month, and on the preceding Saturday night. Elders: Jesse Baker, C. R. Jackson, and J. C. Crawford. Deacon: R. S. McNeill.

**PEAK CREEK** (1921)—24 members.  
 Preaching on fourth Sunday. Elder: G. W. Bowlin. Deacon: Green Wingler.

Two buildings are to be erected this summer in connection with our work. The Peak Creek church house is to be begun at once. Mrs. J. E. Foster has given a beautiful lot across the street from the Jefferson Church for the erection of a manse. Plans have been studied and as soon as the deed can be executed every effort will be made for the completion of a part of the house before winter comes.

### PERSONALS

Rev. J. H. Grey, a man greatly beloved and a contemporary with Dr. Gillespie, has been for 15 years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Bedford, Va.

The Presbyterians of the county take off their hats to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Finnie, who live at Transon. Mr. Finnie is our Sunday School worker, having Peak Creek Sunday School under his wing. It was the only "evergreen" one of the four. They had Sunday School every Sunday throughout the winter. He was pastor to that community and both he and Mrs. Finnie and little daughter Muriel are greatly beloved. They have been in Sunday School work for a number of years. During the summer Mr. Finnie is aiding Mr. Freeman at Ebenezer.

Dr. S. E. Hodges is now pastor at Anniston, Ala. His mission to the county was a two-fold one—teacher and preacher. His field of activity was at Gap Creek.

Rev. Will Murray is now in South Carolina.

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Volume I

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Number 2

## A Glance at the Condition of our Churches

The standard by which a church should be judged is the number of souls it can bring into the Kingdom of God. Into the Jefferson Church upon her profession of faith came Miss Lanra Bullins. Mr. J. F. Scott united by letter. The infant daughter, Virginia, of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Colvard, became one of the church's children.

At Obids: Miss Bessie Phillips came in by statement; upon profession of faith in Christ, Messrs. Roy Ashley and Allan McNeill, Mrs. Stella Miller Day, and Miss Dell McNeill; one reconsecration, Mr. Bob Crawford.

At Peak Creek: By statement, Mrs. Austin Woodie; upon profession of faith in Christ, Mrs. Hiram Woodie, Misses Gladys Woodie and Mary Bare, and Mr. King Don Woodie.

The material equipment has been bettered and enlarged. Peak Creek is building its church edifice after the plan of the Jefferson Church. Through gifts it has secured an organ and ample lighting facilities. Ebenezer is thoroughly remodelling its building, covering the roof, fixing the windows, bracing with steel rods, and painting inside and out. It also has an organ and good lighting arrangements. Jefferson is painting her church roof. And has, through the generosity of Elder E. A. McNeill, the promise of a Sunday school room to be given next year. It is to be beneath the church auditorium and will afford a much better Sunday school plant and also providing room for church suppers and other recreational affairs.

The Association has secured a lovely Communion service set. The manse being rushed to completion is the pride of the entire group of churches. It is on one of the choice lots of the town just across from the church at Jefferson. It has eight rooms and a bath. It is nicely apportioned and into it are incorporated ideas lending to comfort and beauty. It is to be brick veneered and plastered down stairs. Its spaciousness and comfortableness does not exceed its beauty and desirableness of location.

## MR. J. B. SPILLMAN VISITS CHURCHES

The Synodical Secretary of Stewardship, Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Charlotte, was at Obids for the Thanksgiving service and brought a fine devotional and inspirational message. In the afternoon he spoke to the Association.

## Our Want Column

The bordered "WANTS" appearing in this column of the June issue met with a most generous welcome. Friends of our work rallied to the needs. Circle Number One, with the co-operation of Circles Numbers Two and Nine, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, gave Peak Creek a beautiful and sweet-toned Estey organ. The Andrews Music Company, of Charlotte, gave Ebenezer an organ. Both of these organs have contributed greatly to the worship through increase of congregational singing. A lady in Durham gave Peak Creek two excellent gasoline lamps. Money has been received from Circle Number One of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, of Greensboro, to the amount of \$33.00. A "consecrated member" of that Circle gave \$50.00; Miss Mary Caldwell, \$3.00; Miss Ethel Spaugh, \$20.00; Prof. O. J. Thies, Jr., \$10.00. The total money is \$116.00. \$5.00 has been expended for fifty song books. The balance, \$111.00, will be applied to the Peak Creek benches.

Wouldn't you like to have a share in fitting this church in process of erection with nice and comfortable benches? Any gift will be appreciated and will be put to a good purpose in the work of the Kingdom.

### WANTS

1. \$300.00 for Peak Creek Benches.
2. Two Lay Workers.
3. Another Full-time Minister.
4. PRAYERS of the Church.

### REV. W. M. BAKER TO RETURN FOR A MEETING

Dear Friends in Ashe County:

I met your fine pastor at Graham during the recent Synod and he asked me to send a short message to you through the next issue of THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN. I am glad of this opportunity for renewing old acquaintances. It has been some time since I've been to Ashe County but I have not for a minute forgotten the good people who endured my preaching and so earnestly helped me in the work while I tried for a year to serve them.

It does my heart good to see the progress the work is making at present and I can only thank God that He has sent Mr. Stone to you good people at this time.

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## Elder John Burgess' Conversion

It was one of those beautiful and crisp November afternoons when a small group of people pushed back from the comfortable glow of the fire, put aside the pail of chestnuts and a bucket of mellow, luscious Virginia Beauty apples. It was to turn to spiritual matters.

Elder John Burgess, a church father now in his seventy-fourth year, told of his conversion. It happened. No! (conversions don't happen). It was about twenty-seven years ago when he was about forty-seven. Rev. E. E. Gillespie, just out of the Seminary as a young man, was preaching in a school house over on the mountain near where Mr. Don Bare now lives. Mr. Burgess had never heard a Presbyterian and through curiosity he went to this place. In speaking of the church he said:

"I didn't care anything about it. Didn't appreciate church work much. But by some means or other he (Mr. Gillespie) captured me that day and I had to hear him again and I haven't heard him as much as I want yet."

With his son, Cassander, he went back to the next regular monthly appointment. They enjoyed his preaching and weren't satisfied until they could hear him preach again. Later a protracted meeting was being held in Waggoner school house. There were two services daily. Mr. Burgess said, "I would get all wrought up at preaching.

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ELDER JOHN BURGESS

## The Ashe Presbyterian

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### EDITORIAL

THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN greets you again many months before it was expected. Originally, it was planned for an issue each June. But its readers gave it such a cordial reception that it comes to you in December. As it goes out to hundreds of homes and offices and into every state in the Union and into several foreign lands, we pray God's blessings upon its message. May it tell you something of what our mountain churches are doing and of their needs.

#### WHAT IS WRONG?

God in many ways has wonderfully blessed those of us who live away up on this great shelf so near to Him. So often does He wrap the beautiful hills and valleys in a great, beautiful white blanket of snow. This should remind us that although our "sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." In this wonderful grazing land there are many sheep, and shouldn't they remind us that although our sins "be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"?

But there are hundreds of people to whom God has given faces as handsome and pretty as any, personalities as magnetic and pleasing as those found anywhere, intellects as keen as a whip, who know not Christ. May those in this blessed mountain and those below this highland of God know that the church isn't sufficiently at work. If Christians were living witnesses unto Him there would not be so many who deny Him. For instance, in one community there are (according to statistics compiled as a result of a careful survey and census) 35 families within the sphere of influence of a Presbyterian Church twenty-five years old. Of the possible 70 fathers and mothers only 26 have any church affiliation. Sixty-three per cent are out of Christ. Out of 110 children only 5 are church members. And thirty-six of these children are over twelve years of age.

In another community there are 60 families with 51 fathers, only 11 of whom are Christians, and 60 mothers, 34 of whom know Christ. 79 per cent of the fathers and 43 per cent of the mothers are without the Kingdom of God. There are 27 other adults—11 have accepted Christ. From 12

to 20 years there are 62 youths—6 belong to the church. From 6 to 12 there are 55—not one is on a church book. Up to 6 years there are 46—not one has been baptized in infancy. The total is 301 with 61 professing Christians. The per centage burns the heart—80 per cent are out of Christ. Eight out of ten with eternal death engraved on their souls unless they come to Christ and allow His blood to make a happy erasure.

What is wrong? Is it that God's Spirit will not call these dear people? We believe in election and effectual calling and we say, for some, in all probability that is the reason. *Largely* we believe it is because the church has not seized the opportunity. This is so to a great degree throughout all churches within our knowledge.

Now, getting down to brass tacks. As a rule, a church needs a minister to keep it active. It needs one who can devote his entire time to its ministry of comfort, inspiration, social activities, and preaching the saving Gospel of Christ. Right now one man is pastor of four scattered churches.

*"The winter falls; the frozen rut  
Is bound with silver bars"*

making it well nigh impossible to do anything for some of the churches except to preach. Sometimes even this may be prevented. We have hopes of another minister next spring. This will alleviate the situation to a great degree. Not lessening the work, but the responsibility.

In a measure this will give each minister an opportunity for an extension of his ministries. One-half of the field has a lay worker. The other half needs one. There is a great work that can be developed. There are fine opportunities that we should grasp—we have not even touched them. We can't.

Will you not, dear reader, join with us in prayer to God to provide the means and then the workers necessary for the spreading of His work?

#### NEEDED—AN AUXILIARY

Our men are organized. Why not our ladies? A goal for 1924 is to get our women pulling as a unit as our men are doing. Mrs. S. C. Brawley, of West Durham, President of the Synodical Auxiliary, and Mrs. Thomas B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, Chairman of this district, are both very much interested in organizing us. Several ladies had planned to attend a district conference, but were prevented on account of the weather.

Ladies, think of the strength there is in unity and let us have our Auxiliaries.

As we go to press our officers are going to attend a meeting in Winston for the organization of a new Presbytery set off by Synod consisting of the counties of Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, Stokes, Yadkin,

Davie, Forsyth, and Davidson. God does things in a way unknown to us. He had a Synod to make Orange Presbytery into three tangerines. Delegates who knew nothing of the vast home mission situation in this part of the State voted for it. But "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Watch your church papers for what took place in Winston.



What does it mean? It might signify any number of things, but it doesn't. Here the trio of P's means *Presbyterian Progressive Program*. Many Presbyterians do not subscribe, sad to relate, to our church papers. If not, you ask what is the P. P. P.? Let it speak for itself. "So to enlist every member of the Church that he shall lose his life for Christ's sake, is the aim of the Presbyterian Progressive Program. This program is no longer an experiment. . . . The task to which it addresses itself is to develop throughout the church a sense of stewardship based on the Scriptural ideal."

From time to time from the pulpit and church literature we will learn more of this. The outline of activities in the five departments of this great agency of our Church is:

#### I. SPIRITUAL LIFE

To nourish the Spiritual Life of the Church Membership.

#### II. EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

(a) To adopt Christ's Program of World Evangelism and World Welfare.  
(b) To educate the Church to meet Our Part of Christ's Program for the World.

#### III. CHRISTIAN TRAINING

(a) To Extend and Perfect the Work of the Church in Christian Education.  
(b) To Enlist and Train for the King's Service.

#### IV. STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS

To adopt a Scriptural System of Giving and a Scriptural Standard of Giving.

#### V. FELLOWSHIP

To Promote the Social Ministries of the Church.

The ladies of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church gave a basket supper in the court house on November 23 and realized \$150.60, which was placed toward the manse fund.

Mr. D. R. Freeman, who did such a fine work in the county during the summer, is taking his Senior year in Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

**REV. W. M. BAKER TO RETURN FOR  
A MEETING**

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I'm very eager to get back to Ashe County and Mr. Stone has promised to let me help him in a meeting somewhere in the county next summer. I'm planning right now to come. I don't know how many of the good friends will remember me, for I fear I made but a small impression then, yet I love the churches at Jefferson, Obids, Ebenezer, and the preaching points at Nathan's Creek and Peak Creek, and if I get up there this summer I'll try hard to visit these places.

God bless the good friends in Ashe and may His work grow and prosper.

Yours in His name,

(Signed) W. M. BAKER.

Mt. Olive., N. C., Nov. 22, 1923.

**ELDER JOHN BURGESS'  
CONVERSION**

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but it wore away when I left. But about Friday at the morning service I was so wrought up that it didn't wear off. I took a notion that I wouldn't go that evening and I wandered about and don't know how I spent it. That night at the supper table they began to talk about the meeting. This Scripture about Paul and Silas caught upon my mind: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' (Acts 16:31). I made the remark, 'It looks like anybody could believe that.'

He was mightily under the Spirit's power. Leaving the table and going into a room alone he sought solitude. No rest was to be had and the ease and sleep of a bed were sought, but these things were not his now. He tried to pray, but that seemed impossible.

"Finally," he said, "it got so I could pray. Before I could pray my burden was greater than I could bear. But when I could pray my burden all rolled away, and I might have shouted. I don't know."

There was effectual calling: "All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ" . . . (Confession of Faith, chapter 10, section 1).

Here is seen the joy that comes when a sinner falls at the foot of the cross and says, "Lord Jesus I believe, save me now." Here is an illustration of God's Spirit using the preaching of the Word as a means of regeneration.

Later Mr. Burgess, his dear wife who is his fond companion to this day, and their son, Mr. Cassander Burgess, joined the church in the school house. The former was the first native citizen of Ashe to join a Presbyterian church. Mr. Gillespie

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(Seated—left to right) Rev. A. W. Crawford, guest of honor; President J. C. Crawford; Vice President E. A. McNeill; Secretary-Treasurer A. R. Vail; Rev. R. H. Stone, Pastor, and N. L. Brooks.

This picture taken after the September meeting when Elders John Burgess and C. R. Jackson were prevented from attending.

The Association meets in each church once a year for the formulation of plans "to promote the Kingdom of God and to uplift fallen humanity."

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EBENEZER (1897)—30 members. Preaching every second Sunday at 11:00 A. M., and at 7:00 P. M. Elders: John Burgess, N. L. Brooks, D. C. Bare, and George H. Farrington. Deacon-Elect: Nelson Severt. Church Treasurer: Miss Sadie Brooks.

JEFFERSON (1900)—47 members. Preaching on third Sundays at 11:00 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M. Elders: E. A. McNeill and A. R. Vail. Deacons: J. P. Colvard and E. F. Scott. Church Treasner: Miss Louise Foster.

OBIDS (1903)—32 members. Preaching at 11:00 on first Sunday of each month and on the preceding Saturday night. Elders: Jesse Baker, C. R. Jackson, and J. C. Crawford. Deacon: R. S. McNeill. Elder-elect: Roy Ashley. Deacons-elect: Allan McNeill and Bob Crawford. Church Treasner: J. C. Crawford.

PEAK CREEK (1921)—28 members. Preaching every fourth Sunday at 3:30 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. Elder: G. W. Bowlin. Church Treasurer: A. A. Finnie.

**ELDER JOHN BURGESS'  
CONVERSION**

(Continued from Page Three) soon initiated the erection of Ebenezer Church, which Mr. Burgess helped to build by hauling some of the material and working in other ways. He was the first elder of this church—and during the ups and downs he has been one of the leading lights in guiding its policies and in tactfully handling the disciplining. As an elder he has been true and loyal. He has served faithfully and well as a Sunday school superintendent and a teacher of the Word by which he was drawn.

"Ebenezer has meant a great deal to me, and to the community a whole heap. I've always enjoyed going to its Sunday school and preaching. This Ebenezer Church has put other denominations to work," is his testimony.

In championing the cause of Presbyterianism, he says, "I can't study the Scripture and belong to any other denomination."

Mr. Burgess lives his religion and the people who know him in his community put more confidence in his religion than in any one's. He enjoys a close walk with God and has a great faith. He serenely awaits the call to his home, whose builder and maker is God.

Mrs. A. A. Finnie and little Muriel are spending the winter in Florida.

One of the pioneers of Presbyterianism in the County, Rev. Allan Jones, Jr., died during the first part of this year.

**The Bank of Ashe**

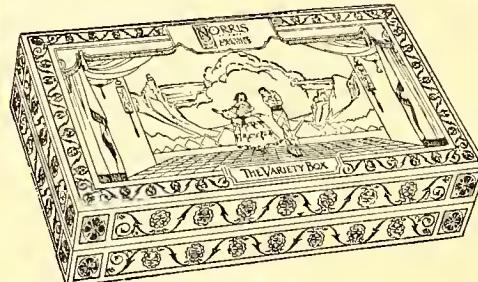
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Number 1

## "MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED"

Rev. E. Wayne Thompson had faith that a church could be built at Peak Creek and put the movement on foot.

The foundation was laid but it was the judgment of all that it was too small. Mrs. A. H. Taylor, a visitor from Coleman, Fla., seeing the need gave ten dollars to enlarge the foundation. Mrs. S. B. Crenshaw, also of Coleman, Fla., worshipped with us last summer and saw the opportunity and need of a good working church. On reading of our needs in The Ashe Presbyterian for December Mrs. Crenshaw sent fifty dollars to purchase seats. The Lord also impressed Mrs. E. S. Upham, of St. Petersburg, Fla., of our need and she sent ten dollars. Mr. Reid Sheets, of Caldwell, Idaho, sent one dollar.

"To him that hath (faith) shall be given."

## APPRECIATION AND A GIFT

Caldwell, Idaho, Dec. 25, 1923.  
The Ashe Presbyterian,  
Jefferson, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

A copy of your little paper has just come into my hands today and I consider it a real Christmas treat. It brings vividly to memory the days of my youth, as I was born and reared in the Peak Creek country. Although I have lived in Idaho for seventeen years, the home ties are still strong, and I rejoice to read of the good work going forward in your denomination in Ashe County.

Though only eleven years of age, I can recall vividly the coming of the Rev. E. E. Gillespie to the Peak Creek and Ebenezer country. While I am not a member of the Presbyterian Church, I am in sympathy with any denomination that holds up Jesus Christ to a lost world.

I would be very glad to have you enter me on your subscription list for your little paper.

I am enclosing a small offering for the Peak Creek Church, which you will kindly convey to the proper official of that church with the hearty good wishes of the undersigned.

I am yours for the upbuilding of His Kingdom,

REID SHEETS.

"If there is any person to whom you feel dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak."—R. Cecil.

## REV. E. WAYNE THOMPSON SENDS GREETINGS

Bel Air, Md., May 20, 1924.  
To All That Are Called to Be Saints of God:

It affords me great pleasure to have the opportunity to extend to you greetings through the columns of our much-prized paper.

I feel that I have a great deal to be thankful for when I sum up the many blessings that have come to me since I first met the good people of Ashe County. First, I might mention that in the providence of God I was thrown into the association of a people who have flowing in their veins pure Anglo-Saxon blood, where



REV. E. WAYNE THOMPSON

the genial sunshine and balmy air of the Southland makes the best types of womanhood and manhood.

Second, blessed by being entrusted with the great cause of the Presbyterian Church; the same being presented to the people having the above-mentioned inherent qualities received support that justifies commendation, making it possible for spiritual light to radiate into the dark recesses of all that mountain country, building Christian societies of the highest

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## TENTATIVE EVANGELISTIC SCHEDULE

Nathan's Creek—July 20-27th—Mr. J. B. Spillman.

Jefferson—August 17-31—Rev. Geo. W. Lee.

Ebenezer—Sept. 5-16—Rev. Geo. W. Lee.

Obids—To be arranged later. We are hoping to have Rev. W. M. Baker.

Peak Creek—To be arranged later.

## "BOB" COIT GIVES PEN PICTURE OF KOREA

Soonehun, Korea, April 2, 1924.  
My dear Mr. Stone:

Your good letter received day before yesterday and found me nursing a bone felon, one of the most painful things I have ever experienced. Don't you ever get one or let any of my friends get one. Someone has said that the best place to have a boil is on the back of the other fellow's neck, and certainly I could wish an enemy (if I was so unfortunate as to have one) no greater injury than to have a bone felon on his hand. However, just to show you and all the dear friends in Ashe County that I love them just the same as of old, I am going to sit right down and get off this letter.

It was a great disappointment to me that I could not see something of the work there during my furlough, but I did not want to go unless I had time to really stay a few days, and I never found that time, being busy raising funds for the equipment of the mission work here in Soonehun where I live. I keep up with the work through the papers and am glad to see that the work of the Kingdom is progressing in that section of the Old North State. It was my pleasure to meet my good friends, the Bowies, in Blowing Rock last summer, and we talked over old times and Ashe County and the wonderful changes that had taken place in North Carolina in respect to good roads, education, manufacturing and the work of the Church. I understand that a railroad will soon run into that section, and that will mean much to the material interest of the section.

As you all live among the mountains, you will know what kind of a place in which we live here in Korea, for it is all mountainous, but aside from this there is little in common. You have scattered here and there among the hills, while the Koreans always live in villages with houses so close together that from a distance it looks as if you could step from one straw roof to another. All houses are single-story and all built on the same plan. They have small rooms, eight by eight, with no furniture. The floors are of rock and dirt and the kitchen flue runs under the living room and keeps it warm. They have no windows, but a small door made of paper and bamboo, which lets in the light but shuts out the air. They sleep on the floor, all huddled together, and use

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## OUR MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

(In THE PRESBYTERIAN STANDARD, November 30, 1921)

By R. H. Stone

The chestnut burrs have opened. And this month as we walk the streets of our towns and cities, we see the chestnut vendor offering his product to those passing by. Those burst and roasted chestnuts suggest the place from whence they came—the mountains. Then no doubt, if your mind is not too preoccupied, you think of the people of the mountains, of the tales you have heard, of the beautiful mountain trout you landed that memorable May day, or of the wonderful hospitality accorded you on that vacation. If you know the people—good enough. If you have been rightly informed—good enough. But this leads to the other alternative.

There are probably no people on earth so misunderstood as are the people of the mountains. In the minds of people who live "below the mountain" there is a great deal of poison information and misinformation. Many of us have our concept mountaineer, mountain home, and mountain country.

These misconceptions are not altogether the fault of those of us who live in the low country. Some over zealous settlement or mission worker should bear part of the blame. To elicit sympathy for their cause they go into some remote community and get a photograph of some tumble-down shack before which a yoke of oxen and all the children on that creek have been driven. This is published in our magazines as a typical mountain family and home. The result is, one gets the idea of prolific and low standards of living and destitution. The lithographing companies who select scenes for post cards for worldwide distribution share part of the responsibility.

The writer lives in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, but during the summer lived in the mountains of Ashe County, of that state. While there he studied the people and resents, as does the mountaineer, such ideas as are abroad. Much of the contemptible information is false. And the writer takes pleasure in ridding your mind, if it contains a wrong opinion, of the error and substituting the right. In addition the religious situation will be delineated.

### The Country

Ashe County is in the heart of the hills. Jefferson, its county seat, is of about 3,000 feet elevation. It is a beautiful little town, snugly set at the base of a great mountain towering more than 1,000 feet high. It is a country of opportunity. It is resonant with the sound of steam shovel,

steam drill, crack of the whip, and loud blasts of dynamite. The county has been and is being intersected with good roads.

It is a beautiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. There is a great profusion of wild flowers. Sweet peas bloom there until almost time for Jack Frost to come and bite their delicate petals. It is a land of many beautiful and babbling brooks and creeks. There abound beautiful mountains, wonderful valleys, and meadows, and excellent farming and grazing lands.

It is a country which reminds one of God and of God's Word. As you look up at the majestic and sublime mountains there comes to mind, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." As one looks out upon the verdant hillsides and sees them dotted with thoroughbred cattle and black-faced sheep the soul is flooded with the idea that "The cattle upon a thousand hills are His."

### The People

Oh, that all mankind knew these people! Surely they are the chosen people of God because He has given them such a beautiful land so near to Him. There flows the Anglo-Saxon blood. There is a people not affected by every fashion. There is a society without the veneer which is danbed on in many sections.

There is no typical mountaineer. There is no typical man of your city. How unjust it would be to any town or city to go into its slums to its most benighted family and take a photograph of the family and hut as characteristic! You would justly resent the spread of any such propaganda insisting that that family, that shack, is typical. In just such a way this rank injustice has been done to the people who are favored with the cool mountain breezes.

There is some illiteracy, it is true. But no section of any country has attained unto Moore's Utopia. There is in the mountains a great deal of culture and there are college men and women from the best colleges and universities of this nation. There is just as much culture and refinement in some of those towns and in the rural communities, yes, even more, than is found in some sections of our beloved Piedmont section.

And neither is there a still in every hollow. They are a law abiding people. They will not kill you in the twinkle of an eye. There are officers who are just as vigilant as any you know. There are those who hate the illicit making and

drinking of liquor with all their souls. There are mothers' hearts just as tender, just as true and loving as your mother's heart.

Hospitality is found in all its genuineness. In truth they are a friendly people. There is nothing in reason they would not do to help you if you were in trouble. Should your car get stuck they would not ask the worth of a Ford to get it out. Go into their homes and the very best is prepared for you. And you would think they were preparing for the reception of a king.

Some blatant, misinformed quacks have spread the idea that the mountain youth did not show up so well during the war—evaded the draft, or deserted. Those young men are thorough, red-blooded Americans. In the post office at Jefferson there are only three names of war and draft delinquents as sent out by the War Department. The average for local boards, according to a recent article in The American Legion Weekly, is thirty-six. Look it up for your county. Maybe you will have to say, "Hurrah for the mountain boys!"

It is a privilege and a pleasure to know these people. Should you spend a vacation there, you would in all probability want to spend all the remaining ones. Arthur Chapman surely had just such a people in mind as are found in Ashe when he wrote:

Out where the haudelasp's a little stronger,  
Out where the smile dwells a little longer,  
That's where the West begins;  
Out where the sun is a little brighter,  
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,  
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,  
That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,  
Out where friendship's a little truer,  
That's where the West begins;  
Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,  
Where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing,  
Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,  
That's where the West begins.

Out where the world is in the making,  
Where fewer hearts in despair are aching,  
That's where the West begins;  
Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,  
Where there's more of giving and less of buying,  
And a man makes friends without half trying—  
That's where the West begins.

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**"BOB" COIT GIVES PEN PICTURE  
OF KOREA**

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a brick or block of wood for a pillow. They wear straw sandals which they leave outside when entering the house. They sit on the floor and eat off of little tables a foot square and a foot high, one or two to a table, and after the meal the table is taken out to the lean too, or kitchen. The women have to do most of the work, and the more educated classes consider it a disgrace to do any manual work.

Korean civilization dates back into the hoary past. In the time of David and Solomon they had a kingdom in Korea with a Korean king and were learned in Chinese writings, which they memorized. The chief traits of this people have always been hospitality, generosity, jealousy, factions, reverence for the old and the past, zeal for education in Chinese writings (which was all they knew) and looking on all manual work as degrading.

From ancient times they have cultivated rice and barley and beans, which with millet are the main crops, and these with turnips which they pickle constitute the main food of Koreans. They mix a great quantity of salt and pepper with their food, as the Mexicans.

Up to twenty-five years ago there was no intercourse with the outside world, and they kept aloof from others and knew and cared nothing of the outside world; but with the passing of their freedom and the entrance of Japan, good roads have taken the place of bridle paths; bicycles, carts, wagons and autos have come in; railroads have been built; water works, electric lights, etc., and all that goes with modern civilization, have followed, bringing much of evil as well as much of good.

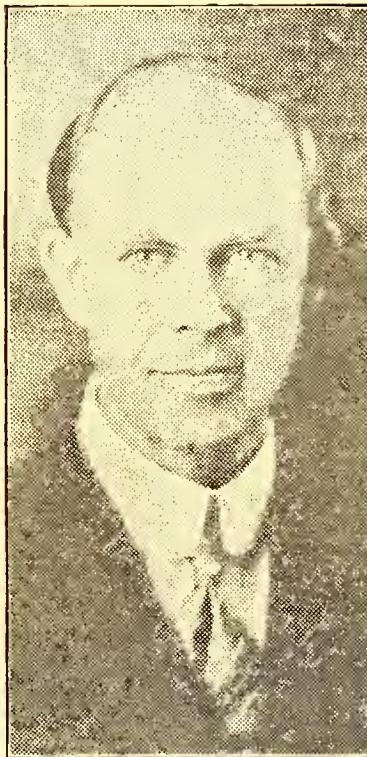
But it is with the work of the Church that we are most interested. The Koreans worshipped the spirits of their ancestors, bowing at their graves and offering sacrifice to their departed spirits once each year. Only the male members had part in this, for a woman was looked down on and had no name until she was married, when she took the name of her eldest son. If she had no son, she was put away and her lot was pitiful. The women were never taught to read or allowed to be with the brothers and father or appear in public unless veiled.

The more ignorant of the Koreans worshipped all kinds of spirits which they thought inhabited the hills, trees, air, water, etc., and peopled all space with evil spirits which they thought were always trying to harm them. They knew nothing of medicine and thought that all disease was caused by some evil spirit

they had offended. They would often burn a patient to torture the evil spirit inside out, so he would leave and cease to make the patient sick. This gave rise to untold suffering, as often heated needles were thrust into the skin and awful abscesses would result and often death itself.

With the advent of Christianity over thirty-five years ago they heard for the first time of Jesus and of a true God who loved men, and also learned for the first time the real meaning of sin. Not knowing God they could not know sin as He reveals it. For instance, they did not consider lying a sin, and would lie or break a promise without thought.

From the first the Bible was translated into their language, which is akin to Chin-



REV. ROBERT T. COIT

ese, and they for the first time had this priceless treasure. From the very first the Korean converts have been very zealous in their new-found joy. They have experienced a very real deliverance, and have come out of the bondage of fear and out of spiritual darkness into the light. They have been great believers in prayer and simple in their faith and great students of the Bible. Once a year, at the place where missionaries live, Bible classes are held,—what we would call County Bible Classes, for all the Christians in the county, and from 200 to 2,000 men attend, and after the class is over a like one is held for the women with a like attendance. It is a striking sight to see the Koreans pouring out of such a class,

always clothed in white, their native garment color, and going single file according to their custom.

With the coming of Christianity schools were opened by the side of every little church and they have shown great zeal in educating their children. At first they would not send their daughters, but now they are almost as eager to educate their women as the men, their daughters as sons. We have more boys and girls in the Southern Presbyterian schools of Korea than of our Church in America.

We also carry on a big medical work, having hospitals wherever the missionary lives and treating all who come, whether they have money or not. Often they come on the backs of others, being carried a hundred miles to receive treatment, and many have heard of Christ for the first time in these places. Many a church first started from one who had been converted in our hospitals.

The Korean Christians are noted for their love one for the other, and for their zeal in preaching. Often I have men or women who will walk for ten miles without pay to lead a service in a small village or church. I now have twenty-five groups of Christians in my own field. I have two counties about as big as Ashe and Alleghany, with 100,000 people living in them, but with good roads and my Ford car I can get out much easier than I could fifteen or even five years ago, when I had to ride horseback many miles over the mountains.

I have many fine and noble friends among these people who love me and I love them. My wife and I have four children living, one boy eleven and three girls, all beautiful like their mother. I hope they will all feel called to come back and help preach the gospel here, or teach or help in some way, and some day I trust I may meet some of my Ashe County boys and girls here. If you cannot come, send or help send, and pray that these, too, may hear of Him and come into His fold. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." May we help Him find these other sheep.

Pray for us and the work. It is a great joy to preach Him where He has not been known.

With love to all my Ashe County friends,  
"BOB" COIT.

Rev. Rouss Faw, who as a college student worked here very acceptably, spent some time here in May visiting friends and relatives. He preached at the Jefferson and Ebenezer churches. Recently he was pastor of a group of churches in Eastern Carolina. During the summer he has work near the coast and in the fall he expects to begin work in Kentucky.

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### EDITORIAL

The poet has beautifully said:

"I saw the mountains stand  
Silent, wonderful and grand."

To the physical eye no aspect of nature produces greater delight. The mountains! "Silent, wonderful and grand!" To the soul's eye they are not silent. Statistics often reveal and speak loudly, thus breaking a peaceful silence. The compilation of the church members in the county is the following:

Missionary Baptist .....	2,402
Methodist .....	2,000(?)
Mt. Union Baptist .....	1,545
Primitive Baptist .....	563
N. Methodist .....	561
Episcopalians .....	150
Presbyterians .....	141
Dunkards .....	75(?)
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	7,437

These figures should challenge every denomination. They should hurt until it is felt. 7,437 names on church books of Ashe County. Many of these are non-resident, and some may be in heaven. But consider them resident. Sift the church members for the vital, throbbing, praying, yearning-for-soul Christians. This number would be greatly reduced. Compare this with our 22,000 resident population. It means that practically two-thirds are without the Kingdom of God. Will you ponder this for a moment? On the average, two out of three people you meet are not professing Christians. This should never be.

The reasons for this percentage being so high are inherent in some natures. The extremes we will notice. One runs God's plaus into fatalism—absolutely eliminating the human element in salvation. It says if God is going to save He will save regardless. The other extreme is that a sinner has to have a July Fourth feeling

and get all wrought up. We, as much as any people, believe in and teach repentance. Yet we believe that religion is a reasonable thing. These two extremes are abhorred by us. We believe that man must do his share, and that it may be done in a quiet, beautiful, simple, loving Christ-like manner.

As this publication is devoted to the religious interests of Ashe may we suggest that all come to what the Bible teaches about salvation and its methods. Then, with the aid and through the power of God's spirit, let us go forward to win Ashe for Christ. Let us preach the Bible doctrine of sin, showing that every man needs a Savior. Then lead the sinner to that loving, waiting Jesus—the sinner's Savior, who will not cast out any that come to Him.

Two-thirds of our people out of Christ! Think of it. Let us work and let us pray. Prayer changes things.

### INFORMATION! PLEASE

Those are the words often heard by a telephone operator. But this is not a romance growing out of a flirtation that was carried on over the wires. It is to acknowledge the fact that INFORMATION is a blessing—a God-send.

James H. Collins, writing in the current May number of Business, says: "...lack of interest among the men that really was lack of information about what they were doing." This writer is writing of an expert who was sent to a pulp mill to keep it from going to the wall. Apparently there was a lack of interest on the part of the men. Really, it was the lack of an understanding of their machines which was resulting in fatal inefficiency.

This idea is applicable to our own field. In 1922-23 the General Assembly's Minutes for 1923 shows that not one of our churches paid one cent for benevolent causes. What was wrong? Were Ashe Presbyterians a selfish people? By no means. The answer is in the happy results of the year which closed in March when Obids, Jefferson, and Peak Creek paid in full their quotas. Why the lack of interest in the former year? Something—not disinterested, but lacking in information of the great work our various agencies were doing.

Information is what did it. The congregations were told of the work of our orphanages and were shown the picture of that happy group of orphans; were told of Glade Valley, and Davidson and our other educational institutions; were informed that our various Home Mission Committees were actually winning souls for Christ and ministering to both mind and body; and similarly with foreign missions—and of the debt. Our people were

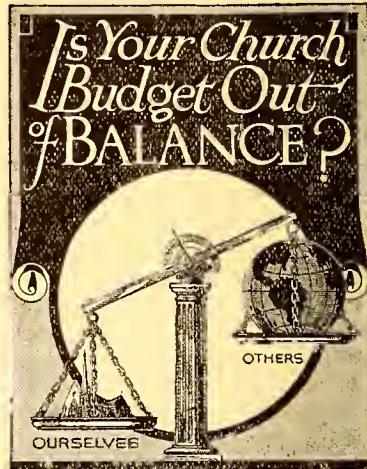
asked to take the church papers, and many did. There they read the soul-stirring appeals. From all sources there resulted information. And information resulted in the Ashe churches doing their bit for the promotion of the Kingdom of God in the world.

In the recent Presbyterian Survey week several clubs were secured, and it is hoped that another will be made. Presbyterians can do nothing better to get real information than to subscribe to our church papers—and read them to get the whole work of the whole church.

Not only did this blessing function for one year, but that it is an abiding thing is seen from the results of the Every-Member Canvass. No Every-Member Canvass prior to March had ever been made for benevolences. It was done this year. And three of the four churches were so close to the goal that full payment was guaranteed.

It is no secret—it's information.

### CARS OR SOULS?



The above picture represents a church expending more for current expenses than it does for Christian Missions and other agencies of the church. May we divert it to another channel. Instead of "Ourselves" mentally put "Cars," and replace the church with a picture of your automobile. Instead of "Others" read "Souls." Now people that globe with the 1,060,000,000 that are unsaved. See them starving and spiritually blind. Hear them calling, calling, calling for the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation.

Where is the balance? Where have you put more money—for your own luxury or the salvation of some soul? In our files we have some interesting data which we crave to use here. If we weren't Christians and brothers in Christ and compassionate wouldn't be odious and embarrassing we would publish what several denomina-

tions in this county have given for benevolent causes.

We are free, however, to publish a letter from Hon. W. N. Everett, Secretary of State, who says: "Replying to your letter of May 20th, there are approximately 625 cars registered in Ashe County, and the license fees amount to \$9,278.00."

\$9,278.00 spent for license fees alone. What would the total expenditure be? The amount we can't even imagine. All the churches with all their possible 7,437 members have not, we dare say without fear of contradiction, put one-half of the license fee amount into the work of the Lord without the county. Ashe is a forward-looking county in many particulars, but as a whole its denominations have no passion for souls. Cars for our own pleasure cost us more than Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We pass on a passed-on excerpt from The Literary Digest of October 27, 1923: Mrs. S. is a woman of moderate means—a widow with seven married children. All of them are competent and self-sustaining. The entire family maintains eight motor cars. Attending a National Reform meeting, Mrs. S. heard the speaker say that this country spends seven millions a year on automobiles, and heard him ask the question: "Which is the more precious to you—your motor car or the upbuilding of God's Kingdom?" Mrs. S. called all her children around the home table for the next Sabbath dinner, and told them: "As for me, I shall give twice as much to the Church and to its agencies as it costs to run my automobile. And I want you children to do the same. I would be ashamed to meet my Lord if my record showed that I cared more for luxurios riding on earth than I cared for the eternal gospel."

#### OUR MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

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##### The Religious Situation

Once Rev. Allan Jones, called the "Presbyterian Bishop of Ashe," made the statement or wrote it in a communication to Orange Presbytery that those people were "a peculiar people." Indeed they are, and in the sense which I'm sure Mr. Jones meant it and in the sense in which I use it, it is not a derogatory term. But on the other hand it is praise-worthy.

They are a peculiar people in that they are a religious people. I have been in stores, homes, mills, and other places and there the people were not discussing newspaper tragedy, neither community scandal, nor local gossip. In many cases they were interested in the great doctrines of the Bible—of sin, salvation, election, per-

severance of the saints, and so on throughout the catalogue.

There the Primitive Baptist situation is confronted. Numbers are unchurched yet have a tendency toward this faith, and that church is doing the tragic thing in not making any systematic effort to bring the lost into the fold. Consequently there are heads of families and entire families who belong to no church. However, they are a religious people—so near the Kingdom, yet so far away.

Unscrupulous ministers, unfortunately, have split the church into splinters. It is an house divided. This summer two of their members came into the membership of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Throughout the county where there is a Presbyterian Sunday School the children from the Primitive Baptist homes attend. Presbyterianism is popular in Ashe.

The Presbyterian elders, deacons, and members are of the leading men and women of their communities. They want a spread of the Gospel and our church must not retrench. It must go forward and have a larger share in breaking the bread of life to those needing it.

Presbyterian churches in Ashe have a program. The church at Jefferson believes in an healing ministry. Its membership is small but its constituency has won a place for their Lord in the hearts of many weary bodies and sin-sick souls. This church reaches out into the coves and makes for its own a new and ever widening sphere of influence. One of its great desires is to preach the Gospel to the poor.

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These fields must be carefully tended. The great number of ministers there do not care for the sheep as they should. Many are ministers on Sunday and have never caught the vision of the pastor, which is sorely needed. This place affords a great opportunity for our church to be of greater service to the Lord. The time is ripe for a great harvest of souls. Let us reinforce ourselves in Ashe for the Lord of the Harvest!

Union Theological Seminary,  
Richmond, Virginia.

The Presbytery's Committee being unable to support three regular workers in the field, it was forced to take Mr. A. A. Finnie, the Sunday School field worker, off of our working staff. Mr. Finnie has done a fine work in the county and Ebenezer and Peak Creek Sunday Schools are monuments that he leaves behind. He has won the confidence and has endeared himself to a great number.

His plans are only tentative, but he may remain in the Blue Ridge this summer. There will be a great host of friends who will reluctantly say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Finnie and little Muriel. Our wish is that prosperity, much success and God's most bountiful blessing go with them wherever they go.

"The Heart of Africa," the beautiful pageant issued by the Foreign Mission Committee, was presented in a beautifully appealing manner in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church May 25th. A special offering was taken for Foreign Missions.

**REV. E. WAYNE THOMPSON SENDS  
GREETINGS**

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order, laying the foundation upon which shall be built for God's glory buildings that will endure forever.

Third, blessed by God's providence making it possible for me to come to you again as a co-worker with you for God. I come believing that your zeal is greater, if possible, than when I left you two years ago. I come asking for your prayers, your loyal support, and your strength to the uttermost. May God's richest blessing rest upon every reader of this organ of God by giving them a vision of their work which God has assigned them, also grace to do the same.

I am yours fraternally,  
(Signed) E. WAYNE THOMPSON.

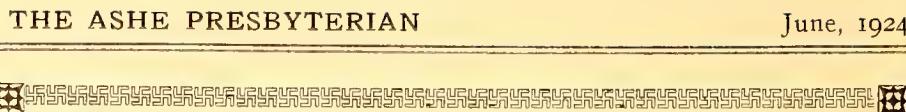
**GOD'S RE-NEWED GIFT TO  
ASHE**

The above letter tells you that our own greatly beloved Mr. Thompson is coming back. Faces smiled and hearts were cheered when that news was first spread among us in March. Mr. Thompson comes as a result of prayer and of God's grace. The Association felt that the Presbyterian Church was doing far too little for the lost souls of Ashe County. Through the excellent spirit of Christian co-operation, Presbytery's and Synod's Home Mission Committees made it possible to give us an additional full-time minister.

A task confronted the Committee of the Association who had the selection in charge: "Who shall we get?" was the question of paramount interest. The matter was taken to God. The answer that was put into their minds was "Mr. Thompson."

Mr. Thompson is a son of the mountains—a native of our sister county of Alleghany. For many years he was a successful farmer. As God called busy men (Moses, Amos, Elisha, Peter and a host of others) long ago He calls them today. Answering the call of God Mr. Thompson went before Orange Presbytery asking that he be licensed and ordained. This was done, and since then he has won many souls for Christ and has made friends for His cause, and made old friends of the Master's more consecrated to His interest.

He has held several pastorates; for a time he was in charge of this present group. Then he went to Mecklenburg County and did a fine work in some churches there. Not being able to withstand the lure of the mountains and their great appeal and challenge to service, he again became the minister in charge of our churches of Ashe. This he held until



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the fall of 1922, at which time, with Presbytery's permission, he moved to Maryland.

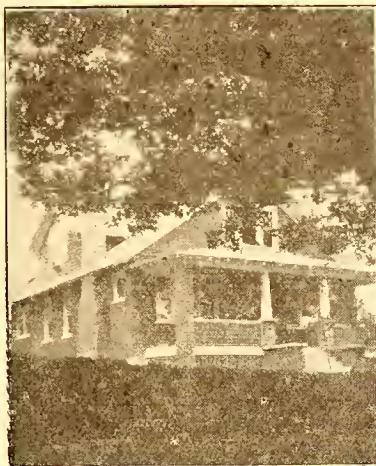
Now he is coming back to us to be here permanently and to live within our own bounds. The Association feels deeply that there is no man so well qualified as Mr. Thompson for the work that he is to do. A genuine spirit of love has followed him and has these many months been waiting for his return. Welcome home! We're glad you are here to stay. May God bless you and you have the love and co-operation of all our churches.

Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Assistant Pastor of the Winchester, Va., Presbyterian Church, has been elected Secretary of Stewardship of his Presbytery.

In May the one who delighted hundreds with his cornet, his voice, his personality, and his stirring gospel messages was graduated from Union Theological Seminary and became D. Ralph Freeman, B. D. In June he is to be married to Miss Frances Orr of Texas. Mr. Freeman has accepted a field in Memphis Presbytery and they will live about thirty miles from Memphis. A host of friends in Ashe wish them a long, happy, and witnessing life together.

### EXCHANGES

We acknowledge with gratitude the following exchanges: The Lewiscott Bulletin, The Craigsville Presbyterian, The (Graham) Presbyterian Visitor, The Bulletin (Fayetteville, W. Va.), The Mississippi Visitor, The League Record.

**THE MANSE**

This is the prettiest, nicest and most modernly arranged manse within a great portion of the Blue Ridge. It is located just across the street from the Jefferson Presbyterian Church and is on one of the most desirable residence sites in the town. The lot is the gift of Mrs. J. E. Foster and family. It will have, when completed, eight rooms, a bath, breakfast above and a spacious basement constructed so as to house a furnace at some future day. It is completed, with the exception of the three rooms upstairs. Its walls are plastered and tinted; its floors are hardwood throughout. Anticipating the day of electric power it has been wired for electricity.

It is the object of Presbyterian pride. And the Presbyterians are grateful to a host of friends outside the denomination who contributed generously to the building fund. The piece of property is worth \$5,000.00.

**BLACKWELL-STONE**

The following invitation has been received:

"Rev. and Mrs. David Johnson Blackwell request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Martha May

to

Rev. Robert Hamlin Stone  
on the evening of Wednesday  
the eighteenth of June  
at nine o'clock.  
Presbyterian Church  
Quincy, Florida."

On the 19th the bride and groom expect to sail from Savannah on the S. S. City of Monterey for New York. On their way returning they will visit Philadelphia and Washington. Before coming to Ashe about the first of July they will spend several days at the home of the groom in Stoneville, N. C.

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**Ebenezer** (1897)—31 members. Preaching by Mr. Thompson every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Elders: John Burgess, N. L. Brooks, D. C. Bare and George H. Farrington. Deacon-elect: Nelson Severt. Church Treasurer: Miss Sadie Brooks.

**Jefferson** (1900)—48 members. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Elders: E. A. McNeill and A. R. Vail. Deacons: J. P. Colvard and E. F. Scott. Treasurer of Benevolences: Miss Louise Foster. Treasurer of Current Expenses: J. F. Scott.

**Obids** (1903)—32 members. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. every first Sunday and on the preceding Saturday night. Elders: Jesse Baker, C. R. Jackson and J. C. Crawford. Deacons: R. S. McNeill. Church Treasurer: J. C. Crawford.

**Peak Creek** (1921)—30 members. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Preaching by Mr. Thompson every fourth Sunday at 3:30 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. Elder: G. W. Bowlin. Church Treasurer: A. A. Finnie.

Announcements as to other preaching points will be made later through the county papers. It is the earnest hope and prayer to God that a number of other places may be ministered to in the name of God through Presbyterian sources.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Resulting from Mr. J. B. Spillman's November-December visit, the Jefferson Church has twelve tithers; Peak Creek eight, Obids four, and Ebenezer four.

One of the greatest Baptist preachers that ever lived and a prince of expositors—Alexander Maclaren—said: "If sense of stewardship and responsibility is weakened within us, the mainspring of all good is weakened within us, and we shall become self-willed, indulgent, self-asserting, God forgetting."

The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, of Greensboro, have proven themselves friends and benefactors without an equal to our work. They have sent us untold numbers of church papers and magazines, Sunday School Times, helpful tracts and numerous other kinds of excellent reading matter.

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## With Our Churches

The interested person will want to know what our churches in the eternal hills of the highlands of God are doing. It all can't be told in a brief compass—but the high spots are:

JEFFERSON—Since our last publication six members have been added to our communion: Misses Beatrice, Maggie and Pearl Phipps, of near Nathan's Creek, by profession and baptism; Mrs. R. H. Stone by letter from the Quincy (Fla.) Presbyterian Church; and Mrs. Mary Williams and Mr. Charles Williams, of Bowie, upon statement. We are glad indeed to welcome those.

Rev. George W. Lee, of Winston-Salem, held a ten-day series of services. In these he was running true to form—preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its powerful purity and power to save.

The Sunday School has been doing nicely and is proud of two curtained-off corners for the Beginners and Primary Classes.

The pulpit has been filled, in addition to the pastor, by Rev. E. W. Thompson; Rev. D. J. Blackwell, of Quincy, Fla.; Mr. Jos. B. Johnston, General Manager of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, of Barium Springs, N. C.; by Rev. J. Kemp Hobson, a missionary on furlough from Africa; and by Mr. Thomas Maslin, of Winston-Salem, speaking to the men of the church.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been organized and is doing nicely. Beginning the first week in November a series of mid-week studies—"How We Got Our Bible"—was begun. These being concluded, other services will be held.

OBIDS—Obids began the church year with a series of services conducted by the pastor. The morning hour was devoted to the study of the Book of Acts and the evening services were evangelistic. Mr. Clinton Burgess has been added to the roll of communicants—coming from the Glade Valley Church. Regular monthly services have been held and the Lord's Supper was commemorated. The Rev. J. K. Hobson spoke to an almost capacity audience.

As we go to press Mr. J. B. Spillman is conducting an evangelistic service. On Thanksgiving we were the host to the united Presbyterians of the County and all friends who came for a praise service. This month Obids is twenty years old. We are looking forward to Sunday School every Sunday throughout the winter.

EBENEZER.—Rev. E. W. Thompson has been conducting the regular services here.

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## History of the Obids Church

Twenty Years Old This Month.

*"Everybody hides a romance in his heart—  
Everything, in history, has taken a part."*

And, little as you may think it, the Presbyterian church at Obids, N. C., is full to overflowing with both romance and history. Knowing this, three gay curiosity seekers started out one lovely autumn afternoon to hear the history of this church,



Two original officers—Mr. R. S. McNeill, Deacon, and Mr. Jesse Baker, Elder (left to right) sitting on the steps of the Church.

as the Ruling Elder, Mr. Jesse Baker, and the deacon, Mr. Robert McNeil, had promised to tell it. Sitting cross-legged on the dead grass of the church yard, munching apples and asking questions, they heard the full story.

Some thirty years ago the village of Obids boasted of no church house nearer than the one situated on the extreme top of the Blue Ridge Mountain, known as the Blue Ridge Union Baptist church. At that time the faith of the Presbyterians had never been heard of within the borders of Ashe County, altho the Union Baptists, Primitive Baptists, Dunkards and Missionary Baptists held meeting about in the dif-

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## Presbyterianism in Ashe County.

*By J. C. CRAWFORD*

Because of the public office I hold I have the great privilege of coming into contact with a great many people, many of whom do not have an adequate idea of what the Presbyterians believe and are doing.

It is my purpose to within a brief outline, give the value of Presbyterianism to the county.

First, we have gone into three unchurched communities and were the first to erect a place of public worship. Ebenezer is the first—being built in 1897. This was followed in 1904 by the Obids Presbyterian Church. Now the Peak Creek Church is soon to be completed. These churches have had a vast influence in each of these places.

In the second place, our preachers have been pioneer evangelists in other sections of the county. The work of those Presbyterian pioneers who went into lowly homes and in remote places lasts to this day. Many people can be cited both in this country, state and nation, who will tell you of their conversation under a Presbyterian ministry by the Spirit of God.

Thirdly, our present pastor takes a greater interest in the county's welfare than any other pastor known to me. Having visited the County Home, seeing the condition of the inmates of that Home, took it upon himself to make arrangements for the two boys whose pictures and names appear in another column of this paper to be taken to Barium Springs Orphanage. He was interested in getting a moral derelict into Caswell Training School. Very frequently he holds a religious service at the jail and serves as field worker on the County Board of Public Welfare. To our knowledge we know of no other minister who has taken so active a part in these matters.

Fourthly, wherever there is an evident need we take the Gospel when the opportunity avails itself. A number of our men have formed themselves into an evangelistic organization and are trying to win—not for Presbyterianism—but for Christ, many of the lost souls within our bounds. There are other places in the county where they do not have preaching and Sunday School, that we hope and pray to reach for Him.

Fifthly, in all four of our churches we are conducting Sunday Schools for the re-

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### EDITORIAL

On the coat of arms of John Calvin there is an extended hand in which is a heart. That has a great deal of significance. It means sincerity and genuineness, love and hospitality, Christian courtesy and absolute openness, one hundred per cent honesty and unparalleled kindness.

It is this same John Calvin, an indefatigable worker, who dug down beneath the debris of the Middle Ages and found the Presbyterian form of government, which existed in the Apostolic Church. This same Calvin, also a devout student of God's word, found that there was a different system of theology in existence other than the one more generally known in the beginning of his career. It bears his name—Calvinism. Presbyterians, Baptists and others have adopted this system of teaching as being, for them, what the Bible teaches.

We say to our readers that we are proud of the fact that we are Calvinists. And much of the spirit of the coat of arms is incorporated in the body of believers who follow in his train. All true Presbyterians possess many of those fine qualities and in addition are sincere lovers of their Lord. The ministers of our churches have no denominational venom, prejudice, bias or hatred. In the communities where they preach there is no charge against any of them that the feeling of the most sensitive have been wounded. There is none of our doctrine that they will not preach. It is a Gospel of love that they make known, and a conquering cross to which we bow.

When we extend our hand—we include our heart. We are in the County to serve and if you can use for the welfare of any community—near or remote—or for the glory of God any officer, member, or minister of any Presbyterian Church we are at your service.

At this season we are looking forward to the greatest religious event of the year—the birthday of Jesus Christ. We call upon

all readers to so reverence it. And our Christmas wish is characterized by love, sincerity and absolute genuineness. We hope that the coming season and year will be the best in your life—one filled with material prosperity, love and happiness, spiritual growth and many thoughts of Him who lay in Bethlehem's manger.

## The Jefferson Ladies Are Organized

Long ago the old Missionary Society died and for a decade or more there has been no organized effort on the part of the ladies in work for the church. But they have worked and have contributed to its causes in a marvelous way.

In a desire to fall in line with the ladies



The Womans' Auxiliary of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Standing (left to right): Miss Louise Foster, President, Mrs. A. R. Vail, Vice-President, Mrs. Laura Black, Treasurer, and Mrs. J. P. Colvard, Secretary; (seated): Mrs. R. H. Stone holding Robert McNeill, Mrs. J. D. McNeill, Mrs. E. F. Scott and Mrs. J. F. Scott.

of other Presbyterian churches they have organized themselves into the Woman's Auxiliary. There are only ten active members but the work they do does not suggest the fewness of members. They meet twice each month. One of the first things they did was to serve dinners at the October term of court. From this they realized \$132.95. They have had apple peelings—cutting and drying some of the abundance of fruit for our fatherless ones at Barium.

In addition they contributed canned goods and have made little aprons, dresser sears, pillow cases, etc., for our Orphan's Home.

For inspirational work they are studying "The Romance of Home Missions." Although the circle idea is new to them they have adopted it and are working with a zest. The Auxiliary is a great boost to the local church—broadening its work and sphere of influence, enlarging its scope, making it more efficient, energizing it, enlivening its tone and interest and quickening its spiritual life.

## A Beautiful Life

The life of Ruby Seagraves is a beautiful example of "the good works of some are manifest beforehand, and they that are otherwise cannot be hid"—I. Tim. 5:25. Ruby was born September 1, 1913. On last February 24th she made a profession of her faith in Christ and was later baptized. On October 12th she joined the Christian Endeavor. October 21st her membership was transferred from the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church to the Church Triumphant, which is in Heaven.

Her death was tragic and untimely. Her mother send her to the spring to adjust the apparatus for bringing water to the house. The sleeve of her sweater was caught in a wheel and she was choked to death.

In physical beauty she was not as lovely as some. There were freckles almost as large as dimes. Every freckle was worth millions. Physical beauty doesn't count in things eternal. Her life was of great beauty and singular sweetness.

The story goes that a loved one objected to her joining the church so young, to whom she replied, "\_\_\_\_\_, if I were to die not having joined the church you would always be sorry." Another suggested that she wait until she could keep the pledge before joining the C. E. She knew that she could keep it—and she joined. Shortly before her death on an inclement afternoon she wanted to take her little Testament (hers for reciting the Catechism) to a humble home where some poor, unlearned people lived to read to them the Gospel story of love. Ruby was greatly loved and is greatly missed and her memory is sweet to all who knew her.

## PRESBYTERIANISM IN ASHE

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ligious training of the boys and girls.

In my judgment Presbyterianism has been of an untold benefit to our county. And I call upon all who love the Lord to pray for His blessing upon this work, that it may grow and expand till many more may be brought into the fold.

## King Woodie

In 1923 King Woodie, in a series of evangelistic services at Peak Creek, came up and before a great congregation accepted Jesus as his Savior, joined the church and was baptized. King is an excellent fellow—all-American, virile, manly and devoted to his family.

His father is dead and in his home is his aged grandmother, mother and a number of brothers. Last summer King was doing the heaviest kind of work at a saw mill to help support the dependent ones. There was no idea of his going to school.

The Association realizing the sterling worth of the young man and seeing the great possibilities in him decided to lay it on his heart to go to Glade Valley—and at the same time pledging him their financial support. In a letter from there King says, "I am undecided just what I want to do yet, but I want to do just what the Lord wants me to do. I can't tell you (Rev. E. W. Thompson) how much I appreciate all that you have done for me. I am liking school fine."

He is there helping to defray his expenses by working. It will cost the Association about \$10.00 per month. The pledge was made on almost a flat purse—but in faith that there would be others who would be glad to have a share in the educating of this noble young man. Any amount you will send will be greatly appreciated. Send all gifts for this cause to Rev. E. W. Thompson, Ore Knob, N. C., who will see that they are applied to his expense there.

## HISTORY OF THE OBIDS CHURCH

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ferent homes, or in the old school house. It was a rare thing to have more than three or four church services during the year but these were always well attended. Here one was always sure to get enough news to talk about until the next "meetin'"; here one was certain to find how everybody's crops were, and here many a bashful youth contracted symptoms of the heart which only the girl and a justice of the peace could cure.

But out of fifty-two Sundays in a year there were forty-eight or nine when there was nothing to do. It stands to reason if healthy men spend six days forcing a living from Mother Nature they are not content to idle away the seventh day. With no man of God to direct them, and no prohibition laws to discourage them, is it any wonder that every man owned a pistol, mountain dew flowed as freely as water and pitching horse shoes and card playing were the chief amusements of the Sabbath?

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Nobody started from bed in alarm to hear yells and pistol shots echoing and re-echoing thru the night—it was a usual occurrence—the boys were "seein' a good time."

Into this settlement where there were less than a dozen church members, in 1896, came the pioneer preachers of the Presbyterian church, E. E. Gillespie, and John Gray. Great was the task these men set themselves to do, for dark-eyed mountaineers whispered that the Presbyterians were a branch of the Roman Catholic church and one good minister of an opposing faith told one of the present deacons that, "This here Pris-byterian-ism must be buried."

In the face of opposition, these two men gained friends everywhere, and definite preaching appointments were held once a month at Ohids, Ebenezer, Jefferson, and other places throughout the county.

After getting the work under way this far, Allan Jones took charge and finally, under the leadership of Reverend M. C. Arrowood and Reverend S. C. Smith, it was decided to organize a church at Obids. Accordingly, on December 3, 1904, after a sermon by Mr. Arrowood from Matt. 16:18, followed by prayer, the following presented themselves for the organization of a Presbyterian church:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Calloway  
Mamie Calloway  
Florence Calloway  
Mrs. William Baker  
Cynthia Baker  
Mrs. Sanders  
Lillie Sanders  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeill  
Mrs. Fields McNeil  
Miss Myrtle McNeil  
Tosie Calloway.

J. M. Galloway and Jessie Baker were then elected to the office of Ruling Elders, and Robert McNeill to that of deacon. They were ordained and installed as such and, on motion, the church was named Obids Presbyterian Church.

It is interesting to note here that Mr. McNeill and Mr. Baker were prominent ex-members of the Sunday card-playing gang.

Even after organization, all was not smooth sailing for there would be a year at a time with no Sunday School and as long as six months without any preaching. One year, twenty years ago, with Jim Calloway's help, Sunday School ran all year with a picnic on Christmas day. During this time summer workers came in and helped out. Among these many still re-

member Rufus Dixon, A. P. Dixon and William Baker.

Pitching horse-shoes and playing cards for a Sunday pastime slowly went out of vogue, blockade whiskey flowed less freely and pistols ceased to be used as playthings, until now, with the exception of two or three men, all who formerly spent their Sunday in such manner are influential citizens and good church members.

An incident, showing the respect that the Presbyterians gained, is said to have happened at the home of a still well-known Ashe County citizen. The Presbyterian ministers, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Gray, were invited to dinner from a Sunday service at Ebenezer. While the lady of the house was attending church the cook and the hired man got into the private stock and the man was gaily shooting off the chickens' heads when the lady returned only a few minutes ahead of the preachers. These few minutes were long enough to turn off the cook, order the man off the premises and gasp, "Of all times! I wouldn't 'a' keered so much if it had 'a' been my own preachers, but these here Presbyterians—they don't put up with no such!"

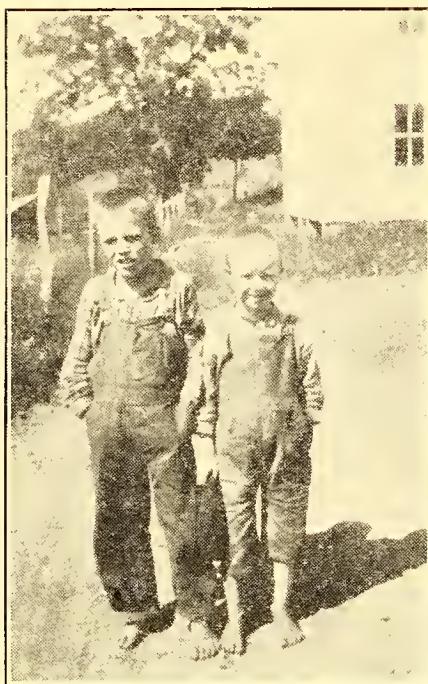
When the Obids church was built in 1904 it was made a community affair because everybody was eager to furnish either money, labor or lumber. Foremost among those giving both money and time were Jim and Joe Calloway.

The building then erected by a band of faithful men and women still stands on the slope of a hill over-looking the road—an unpretentious building—yet a silent sentinel to the adage that, "Prayer, Faith and Perseverence always win."

There are now thirty-three members who have the privilege of attending regular services with a Sunday School running the whole year. This is the usual place for the Union Thanksgiving Services of all the Presbyterian Churches in the County. The day is spent in singing and prayer with dinner served on the ground. Mr. Baker and Mr. McNeill and others have promised turkeys for this year's feast so everybody is looking forward to the last Thursday in November.

Much has been done toward spreading the Gospel but much more is yet undone, so let every right-thinking man and woman say with Mr. Baker when asked what they expected to do in the future, "We hope to live better and do more for the Lord, and ourselves, too—or at least I do."

Editor's Note—The management is very much indebted to Miss Ruth Reeves, of West Jefferson, for the above article. She is a graduate of Glade Valley School and has her degree from Salem College. We are glad to print this fascinating story in which history and romance are so charmingly woven together.



As the months go by Presbyterianism more and more links itself to the interests of Ashe County. The two boys above are now in the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N. C. They are (from left to right) Paul and Frank Cornet. Their father is notorious in criminal circles and is now a fugitive from justice. The mother had abandoned them and the little fellows were in the Ashe County Home, which is no place for a vigorous, all American boy—as both of these are. The left hand of the younger is deformed—and becoming somewhat sensitive about it has it in his pocket.

At Barium they will be nicely clothed, fed, schooled and taught a trade at no expense to the county. The boys were glad to go to this fine environment and are happy with 358 other boys and girls.

### Our Young People

The young people at Peak Creek have a young but vigorous Christian Endeavor Society.

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Edward McNeill is at the Bingham School, Asheville.

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John Foster is this year a Junior at the State College, Raleigh, N. C.

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Lillian Baker is in High School at High Point.

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Clint Burgess and Effie Severt, graduates of Glade Valley are both teaching in the County Public Schools this year.

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Dell McNeill was married to Rube Parsons.

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### WITH OUR CHURCHES

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In April, Rev. F. F. Comerford, of Oxford, N. C., despite the rain and mud and snow conducted an evangelistic service—preaching with great power and earnestness of soul. Mrs. Miller was added to the church roll—to the great delight of the congregation. The building has been newly painted inside and has been thoroughly braced to stand the racking wind. It was a pleasure for us to have had the missionary from Africa with us for a service.

PEAK CREEK.—Since the coming of Mr. Thompson a great deal of progress has been made on the church building, which is being put in order for an evangelistic service. The regular services were conducted by Mr. Thompson, who has organized a Christian Endeavor Society. The new society is doing fine work and is an example for the other churches. This congregation and community greatly enjoyed the visit of Mr. Hobson.

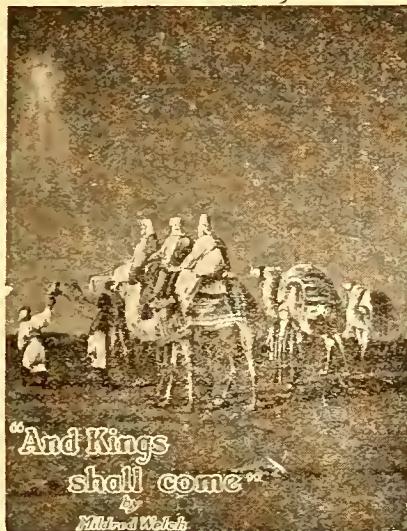
Preaching Points: The pastor has two regular preaching points — Bowie and Nathan's Creek. Monthly services are held at each place and December finds a new place—West Jefferson. Rev. J. K. Hobson spoke at each of the three places. At Nathan's Creek Mr. J. B. Spillman con-

ducted a campaign of Bible Study, Gospel services and personal evangelism. As a result there were eleven professions of faith—three of whom united with the Presbyterian Church. In the community the religion of Christ was popularized and personalized. It was a great blessing.

At Bowie Mr. Charles Williams and his mother united with the church. Mrs. Stella Day recited the Shorter Catechism, and John Irvin Miller recited the Child's Catechism. Each receiving their Bible and Testament respectively.

Mr. Thompson has been giving one Sunday each month to the Glade Valley School. The pastor has been preaching at Smethport, Bald Mountain, Huckleberry Ridge and Pine Swamp when time and opportunity met.

In many respects it has been a bright and encouraging year. God has blessed the work and it is growing and expanding. Our field of opportunity and privilege has no bounds. Let every reader ask God's blessing upon the work for "we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" who are without the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior. To this end praying that we may everyone lay aside every weight of selfishness and indifference and work and witness for HIM for commands every Christian to be a herald of the Cross.



"And Kings Shall Come" is the title of a beautiful Christmas pageant that is being used in hundreds of Presbyterian Churches this Christmas. The theme in part is: "God did not leave Himself without a witness in the long night of the world before Jesus came. Everything in Nature and in the universe proclaims His goodness, His bountiful gifts to the children of men." Among the cast of characters there will be a Prophet, Pilgrim Band, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Carolers, and a Choir.

This will take the place of the evening worship in the Jefferson church on the night of December 21st at 7:15 P. M. The public is most cordially invited. A regular week-day service for the little ones is being planned for Christmas Eve at 7:00 P. M.

The Peak Creek Church is also going to put on the pageant.

There are in the Southern Presbyterian Church 438,818 members. Since 1920 it has grown in numbers about 16 2-3 per cent. In November one of the leading citizens of the country, who has not come in contact with Presbyterian work, expressed the idea that we did not believe in foreign missions. In our foreign work last year we spent \$1,122,160.00. On the field there were 5,626 conversions—for the year ending March 31st. During the year we sent out 37 new missionaries making a total of 507, including 32 doctors and 19 trained nurses. The spheres of influence are Africa, Korea, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and China.

#### WHAT OTHERS SAY

Weaversford, N. C., July 15, 1925.  
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**EBENEZER** (1897)—31 members. Preaching every second Sunday by Mr. Thompson at 11:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Elders: John Burgess, N. L. Brooks, D. C. Bare and Geo. H. Farrington, Deacon-elect: Nelson Severet. Church Treasurer: Miss Sadie Brooks.

**JEFFERSON** (1900)—54 members. Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at 7:15 P. M. Elders: E. A. McNeill and A. R. Vail. Deacons: J. P. Colvard and E. F. Scott. Treasurer of Benevolences: Miss Louise Foster. Treasurer of Current Expenses: J. F. Scott.

**OBIDS** (1904) — 33 members. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. every first Sunday and on the preceding Saturday night. Elders: Jesse Baker, J. C. Crawford and C. R. Jackson. Deacon: R. S. McNeill. Church Treasurer: J. C. Crawford.

**PEAK CREEK** (1921)—29 members. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. C. E. every Sunday at 7:00 P. M. Preaching by Mr. Thompson every fourth Sunday at 3:30 P. M. Elder: G. W. Bowlin. Church Treasurer: Miss Nora Bowlin.

**BOWIE**—Preaching Point. At present Mr. Stone preaches here every second Sunday at 7:00 P. M.

**NATHAN'S CREEK**—Preaching Point. At present Mr. Stone preaches there every second Sunday at 7:00 P. M.

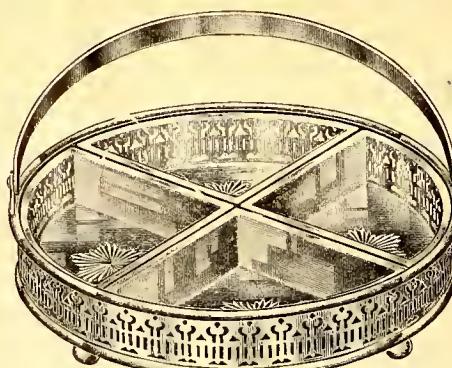
**WEST JEFFERSON**—Preaching Point. The pastor will preach there by arrangement with the local pastors. The management of the Carolina Theater has urged that we use their buildings until a place of worship can be built.

**MUCH APPRECIATED GIFTS**

During August Misses Hallis and Jean Holeman, of Durham, N. C., each gave \$10.00 to be used in the work. One gift was used in equipment for the Jefferson Sunday School; the other was appropriated for the Peak Creek benches.

Miss Pattie Jordan, of Durham, N. C., who has for several years been a friend to the work, gave \$10.00 to the Peak Creek church.

Last December the Primary Department of the Graham (N. C.) Presbyterian Sunday School sent \$3.00 to take Christmas cheer to some poor, unfortunate children.



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## JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

### Sketches of Its History

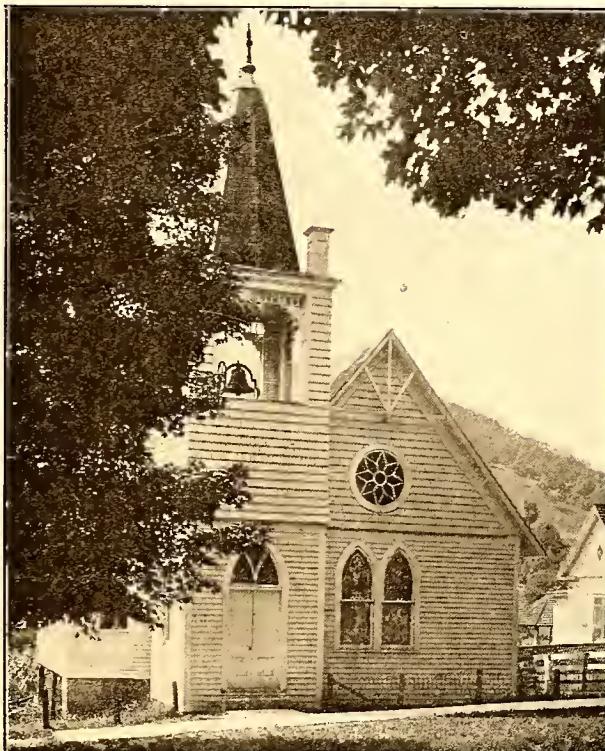
The roots of Presbyterianism in the county are embedded in the glory of long ago. About 1760 these great highlands of God were uninhabited by the white man. There were those God-fearing Scotch-Irish who knew the truth of John Muir's words: "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn." The first settlers of Ashe were, according to a historian, mostly Presbyterians. "The few exceptions were Episcopalians." According to this same authority writing in the *Northwestern Herald*, Rev. John Black, a Presbyterian minister located at Abingdon, Va., preached the first sermon ever heard in Ashe county. This was in an oak grove on Grassy Creek in June, 1773.

The Revolutionary war came on which disturbed the plans for a hoped-for church. This was followed by another hurtful fact, a great exodus to Kentucky. The Presbyterians were mostly gone and there is a great chasm in its history in the county.

After about one hundred years a Caswell County bride came into the county. In 1896, after Rev. C.W. Robinson upon her invitation had preached in Jefferson, a youth just out of the Union Seminary, rapped at the bride's door. He gave his name as Eugene Gillespie. Here begins the story of a new chapter in Ashe County Presbyterianism. Here begins the romance of the Jefferson Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie at once began his ministry and his work. He soon had Rev. J. H. Grey associated with him. These were excellent young men of tact, of grit, of grace and of many loving qualities and admirable traits of

1900 ————— 1925



### Dr. E. E. Gillespie Holds Meeting

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church is, in a unique way, celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Superintendent of Synod's Home Missions, Greensboro, N. C., began a series of services in the church on Wednesday, July 15th, at 8:00 p. m. There are services each night at 8:00 p. m. On Sunday, the 19th, there will be two services. Announcement will be made as to the day services during the following week. On the 26th, the Lord's Supper will be observed at 11:00 a. m. At 8:15 p. m. on the 26th, Dr. Gillespie will preach in the Carolina Theatre at West Jefferson.

There is universal delight in the county wherever Dr. Gillespie is known because of his return. He made many and lasting friends in various sections. One venerable gentleman in speaking of his conversion said: "He (Dr. Gillespie) is the chap that captured me." There is a host of people remembering him because of his ministry in leading them to salvation. Others produce faded and worn Testaments or Bibles, with his signature. Others remember him because of his kind pastoral visits and ministries to the sick and afflicted. Others best recall his preaching the Gospel of Christ as the only power to save. Others recall his genial manner and his being a man among men. Others remember his going into the home of a tragedy and preparing a bloody suicidal victim for burial when many others remained away. Some recall his sacrificial gifts, his high type of manliness. Others have interesting reminiscences about his folding organ and the noble steed that he rode.

One of the good Baptists said recently, "When Eugene Gillespie left this county he had more friends than any other man in it."

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### My Church and I

**M**Y CHURCH is the place where the word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the Love of God is revealed, and the Unity of God is perceived.

**I**T is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, the center of my affections and the foretaste of heaven.

**I**HAVE united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support and to obey its laws.

**I**T claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace and progress concern my life in this world and that which is to come.

**I**OWE it my zeal, my benevolence and my prayers. When I neglect its services, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members and I chill my own soul.

**I**HAVE solemnly promised, in the sight of God and men, to advance its interests by my faithful attendance, by reading the Holy Bible, by never neglecting its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by meeting with fellow members, by watching over their welfare, and by joining with them in prayer and praise and service; and that promise I this day renew, before God my Father, Christ my Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit my Sanctifier.—Selected.

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### Editorial

The Ashe Presbyterian is no longer an experiment. As the first issue of Volume Three comes out it is to appear quarterly. It goes into hundreds of Ashe County homes. It goes into hundreds of homes and offices throughout this State and enjoys a wide circulation in States far and near. This little paper goes into every State in the Union and into several foreign countries.

The increased postal rates have worked against the system on which we had been going. The majority of the papers were sent out under a one cent stamp. In order to secure mailing privileges we are forced to charge for it and to issue it quarterly. We have put a minimum price of ten cents per year with the hope that our readers will not only subscribe for themselves but for their friends. We urge you to subscribe for others. If you know of no one who would enjoy this paper, send us one dollar or five or as much as you care to and we will furnish the names. We have them. We want to put this paper into every home in the county.

The Executive Board is fortunate indeed in securing Miss Helen Stacy for Circulation Manager. We trust that with the help of our readers she may put our paid circulation list into the thousands. Send her your check with or without names.

West Jefferson is fortunate in having Miss Stacy in its city. She is a graduate of the Assembly's Training School, and is taking an active part in the organization there. The Sunday school is doing nicely. Probably the Auxiliary will soon be functioning. She is assisting in the organization of the Camp Fire Girls and one afternoon each week she has a play and story period with the children. A more complete account of the work there will be given in the next issue. Her services are the gift to us of our excellent Presbytery's Committee of which Rev. J. H. Carter is Superintendent.



ELIZABETH NEAL FOSTER

1860-1924

Recently two men stood at the grave of Dr. E. O. Guerrant in the cemetery in Lexington, Ky. On the neat but simple foot-stone marking the grave of this great man are these words, "He being dead yet speaketh." One of these men, no doubt, thought of the dear old saint whom he knew in the flesh. The other thought for a moment of the grand adventures for Christ and souls won as related by him in his "The Galaxy Gatherers." In a flash his thoughts were of one who on December 14th, 1924, was laid to rest in the peaceful little garden of God in Jefferson. No more appropriate epitaph could be put upon the tomb of Mrs. Elizabeth Neal Foster than "She being dead yet speaketh."

In many ways she speaks today. Thru her many friends who knew and loved her. Thru the men and women whom, as boys and girls she taught in the Sunday school. She speaks thru the family whom she has left. But in a way yet greater she speaks. A more enduring monument than stone has been erected to her memory. That greater way, that more enduring monument, is four Presbyterian churches.

There are counties in close proximity to this where there are no Presbyterian churches, or where the work is not growing. Could it not have been that there would not be any Presbyterian churches in Ashe? It will be remembered that Mrs. Foster came to the county when there was no Presbyterian church and only two Presbyterians—an old couple who would take up initiative in an organization. Mrs. Foster having been reared in the Presbyterian faith and in a church where the gospel had been faithfully preached continued to cling to the faith of her fathers. She invited Rev. C. W. Robinson of North Wilkesboro, to preach in Jefferson. She began that

thrilling and romantic story of the founding of Presbyterian churches in Ashe. Upon her faith and loyalty and zeal there stands today these organizations which have for more than a quarter of a century been great pillars of moral and spiritual support. They have had and are exerting a dynamic influence in molding life and character. These churches join in the song of sweet accord as her praise is sung. They with her children rise up and call her blessed.

As we saw the life after it had turned over the hill and was facing the beauty of the sunset we gloried in her past, in the work she had begun, in the monuments to her memory. Such a life wonderfully exhibits the achievements of womanhood when consecrated in unselfish devotion to the Master. Thank God for Mrs. Foster, and our prayer is "O God, give to all churches throughout the world more women as loyal and loving and as devoted as she."

### Appreciated Gifts

The ASSOCIATION bequeathed to THE MEN OF THE CHURCH an obligation which it had assumed in nothing but faith. It took upon itself the privilege of sponsoring the expenses of a most worthy and noble young man at Glade Valley. Later it developed that we were expected to raise \$70.00. Received for this to date:

T. L. Smith, \$5.00; D. Clay Lilly, \$5.00; Second Presbyterian Church of Charlotte \$22.00; Circle No. 6, Greensboro First, \$25; Circle No. 9, Greensboro First, \$25.00.

Not only does this pay the demands of this year but it leaves a nice nest egg for next term. The young man and the MEN OF THE CHURCH are very much indebted to the donors and may God bless them in their Christian liberality.

The ladies of the Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church have from time to time, enabled us to dispense the finest of Christian literature with the magazines and church papers they have sent and have sent some valuable boxes of clothing which have been distributed to the worthy by the Auxiliary.

Circle No. 3, of the Greensboro First, sent \$10.00 which is the golden egg and foundation for our new Addressograph. What a joy and help!

Miss Pattie Jordan, of the First Presbyterian Church, of Durham, sent \$7.00 to the Peak Creek church. Miss Jordan has indeed been a friend to this church.

Misses Jean and Hallie Holman, of West Durham, have each sent their checks for \$25.00 which completed the payments of the Addressograph and will give us a great many plates to be used in sending your paper to you. This money was a great boon and will help to make for efficiency.

We thank the Lord for the donors and the donors for the gifts.

## SKETCHES OF ITS HISTORY

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character. It was these two men who so broadly laid the foundation of the work in the county.

For a time Mr. Gillespie did not preach in Jefferson. It was not wise. He did a great deal of pioneer and scout work for the Lord. In the rural sections, scores were won to Christ under their ministry. After awhile some who held the pulse of the situation asked the young divine to preach in Jefferson, which he did. In the months before and after there were a noble few who wanted to become Presbyterians and longed for a local Presbyterian organization and place of worship. Mrs. Virginia Childs Davis, of Salisbury, gave a handsome sum of money which made possible the lovely little edifice. There is a memorial window to her memory.

With the money in sight for the building and the prospect for an organization a tragedy was committed. Mr. Gillespie feeling the call to a service, which seemed to him greater, left the county.

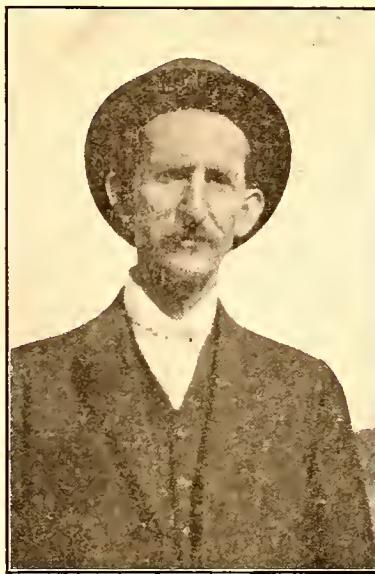
He was succeeded by Rev. Allan Jones, Jr. Mr. Jones, with his vision and optimism launched into the work. The church was erected and equipped with lovely stained glass windows and handsome pews. A Manse in keeping with the church was erected by its side. This house was later sold.

From the session book it appears that the church was constituted in 1898. But the gala days were in July, 1900. On July 11th, Rev. Robert E. Caldwell, D. D., of Winston-Salem, began a series of services. Rev. W. A. Murray writing to the Christian Observer said: "From the very beginning the Spirit was present in great power. Eleven persons professed their faith in Jesus Christ." On Sunday, July 15th, the building was formerly dedicated. The services lasted another week and on July 22nd, the church was organized. In the organization thirty-two persons united in the covenant. The following officers were elected: Ruling Elders—John T. Bledsoe, E. A. McNeill and Anson R. Vail; Deacons—Richard F. Gentry, James E. McEwen and William Hege McNeill.

At this time Mr. Murray observes "Our outlook in this county is exceedingly bright

\* \* \*. Under the faithful and efficient management of Rev. Allan Jones, Jr., 'Bishop of Ashe,' the work has been greatly blessed."

During the next few years the church enjoyed a steady growth. The session of this church under the inspiration of Mr. Jones was interesting. Orange Presbytery in "establishing a school of High Grade in Ashe County." The last meeting of the session moderated by Rev. Allan Jones, Jr., was April 9th, 1902. On March 19th, 1903,



REV. ALLAN JONES, JR.

Rev. S. Calvin Smith moderated a meeting of the session. He was here for only a short time being forced to leave on account of his health and later dying in Texas. He, in the path of his predecessors, was a power for Christ. His preaching was characterized by its spirituality. He was missed as he was loved. He was a friend of men. His last session here was November 15th, 1903.

From this period there was a lull. Some thought the church on the rocks. Its preaching ministry was neglected. There was no growth but a falling away in membership. This must have been the time when some of the lights were low, when the Sunday school had ceased to function, when hens sought the vestibule of the church as an undisturbed retreat in which to have their nests and to hover their young brood.

But yet there was hope undimmed and faith that knows no equal. It was not dead or doomed, just dormant from Presbyterian neglect.

The next meeting of the session was in April, 1907. Rev. R. K. Moseley was moderator. He was stated supply for a brief period. (He is now in Duncan, Okla.) The report made to the Presbytery that year reveals the result of the neglect. None added to the church, no baptisms. A total communicant roll of 26. Pastor's salary promised \$50. Pastor's salary paid \$25. The total for benevolences was \$18.30. There was no Sunday school or societies of any kind.

In 1908 the church services were conspicuous because of the absence of the members. June 21st, 1908, we read, "The session noticed that only two of our members were present this morning, while the congregation numbers 40 or 50." Mr. Moseley's last session was November 29, 1908.

Another long gap in which there wasn't a meeting of the session, but during some of these periods the church was supplied by some of the finest type of Theological students and summer workers, loved in this county until this day. Among them are Rev. A. P. Dickson, Rev. "Bob" Coit and others.

Before the next meeting of the session on July 19th, 1914, moderated by Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. E. W. Thompson had been preaching here for some months. The last recorded meeting which Mr. Brown attended was March 21st, 1915. There comes another break in the services of a minister until Rev. E. W. Thompson was returned to the field. Mr. Thompson encouraged the congregation, rallied them around him, added to the communicant roll. The church, as do people everywhere, loved Mr. Thompson. It began to take on new life.

In the summer of 1921, the present pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, came to the county as an assistant to Mr. Thompson for a few months. A Sunday school was organized which was an evangelistic branch of the church. In the minutes of the session we read: "The Sunday school has been an evangelistic institution throughout the summer. The attendance and interest has been excellent."

In the summer of 1922, the summer worker of 1921, was again assisting Mr. Thompson. During these summers Dr. O. G. Jones and Rev. E. N. Caldwell held meetings and there were a number of additions to the church.

On July 15th, 1923, the church was to have its first pastor. The other ministering servants were evangelists or stated supplies. The heart tendrils of the summer worker had sunk deep into the heart and love and life of the church, of its members and of the people of the county, and he gladly accepted the call to its pastorate. Having been previously licensed and examined for ordination in Presbytery the ordination and installation services took place on the above date. The relations between the pastor and the congregation have been mutual in regard to love, warmth of fellowship and zeal for service.

Now we stand on today. Of the original thirty-two members there are four on the communicant roster. Some have withdrawn, some have moved away while others have been transferred to the church triumphant where Jesus is their pastor. The membership today is forty-nine. Twenty-nine of the forty-nine have come in during the last five years. This is about sixty per cent. All the membership past and present is ninety-nine. It is a happy church where there is a warmth and cordiality of fellowship. It is a church that is trying to serve the community and our

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God. The Motto is "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known." It has an all-the-year program. Its Sunday school is growing and is doing fine work. It is soon to have some new additional quarters. Mr. E. A. McNeill, one of the faithful elders since the beginning and the clerk of the session for twenty-five years, is giving the church a birthday present, which is some Sunday school rooms under the church auditorium. It is to have a kitchen in one corner. A heating system will also be installed. It is an appreciated gift from this worthy, Christian elder.

Mrs. J. E. Foster and family gave the lot valued at about \$1000.00, on which the manse was built. The congregation and their friends gave liberally of their means to make this possible. This piece of property is worth between \$5000.00 and \$6000.

The ladies are organized into the Auxiliary and have been a great help and inspiration to the church. They have had their study and classes and are more and more becoming acquainted with the organization and work of the church.

The church is well officered. Faithfulness and loyalty characterize the attitude of the elders and deacons. There are a number of members who tithe time and money. The church has the Every-Member Canvass. This year the volunteer system was used. Last year it contributed its quota of \$96.00 to benevolences. The total of all money handled was \$563.00.

But the great thing in the work of a church is not the money passing thru its treasurers. The test is whether it is a witnessing church or not. Are people being born again? In this respect—yes. Since March 1st, five have come into its membership. Messrs. W. E. McNeill, William Lane and Dr. L. E. Buie by profession of faith and baptism; Mr. E. C. Turner and Mrs. L. E. Buie have been received by letter.

It is a church that works, a church that has a fine percentage of its members attending both its Sunday services and the weekly Bible study. It is a church that is growing. The Sunday school enrollment exceeds the total church membership. It is a church where visitors feel at home and the power of God is joyfully experienced.

These are only some of the bits of history in its twenty-five years. May the next twenty-five years witness greater strides in its usefulness.

Church Directory of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church

Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Laura McNeill Black, Mrs. Ella Blackburn, Blanche Ethel

Blackburn, Wm. Estel Blackburn, Mrs. J. G. Bright, Miss Elvira Brown, Mrs. L. E. Buie, Dr. L. E. Buie, Miss Laura Bullins, Mrs. J. P. Colvard, J. P. Colvard, Edwin Foster, John Ervin Foster, Miss Louise Foster, Mrs. J. E. Gentry, Fay Howell, William Lane, Mrs. G. E. Little, G. E. Little, Blanche Little, Gwynn Little, E. A. McNeill, Edward McNeill, James D. McNeill, Mrs. Jas. D. McNeill, W. E. McNeill, Miss Blanche Neal, Winston H. Neal, Miss Beatrice Phipps, Miss Maggie Alice Phipps, Miss Ruby Pearl Phipps, Mrs. W. J. Price, Mrs. J. F. Scott, J. F. Scott, Mrs. E. F. Scott, E. F. Scott, Mrs. R. H. Stone, Miss Bonnie Testerman, Mrs. Mary Black Trembly, E. C. Turner, A. R. Vail, Mrs. A. R. Vail, Mrs. Beatrice Vanney, Phoebe Clara Vanney, C. H. Williams, Mrs. Mary Williams, Miss Ruth Williamson, Mrs. Todd Woodie.

As we go to press, Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Charlotte, is to begin on the 12th a series of teaching and evangelistic services at Nathans Creek. This will be reported later.

## DR. E. E. GILLESPIE HOLDS MEETING

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Since leaving the county, more than twenty-five years ago he has received his degree of Doctor of Divinity. From 1899 to 1904, he was Superintendent of Home Missions of this Synod. For nineteen years he was pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of York, S. C. During this great pastorate he found time for the duties of the Chairman of Home Missions of the Synod of S. C., and at another time he was Secretary of Stewardship. Last year he returned to his native State to accept the call to his present position. Dr. Gillespie has been greatly used by the Church and in all things found faithful and efficient.

Jefferson is greatly honored to have this great man of God to conduct a meeting where he met some of his "first fruits" for the Savior he loves. Welcome, Dr. Gillespie!

More complete reports will be made of the West Jefferson work in the next issue.

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## Christian Chautauqua Held in West Jefferson is a Great Success

(By Helen Stacy)

Chautauquas of various kinds have entertained and instructed the American people for many years, but Winston-Salem Presbytery this summer, has an entirely new kind of Chautauqua. The idea of a Christian Chautauqua was conceived by Rev. J. H. Carter, of Elkin, and it is due to his efforts that the churches of the Presbytery have the opportunity of enjoying the benefits of these Chautauquas. There are two teams of four workers each, that will hold chautauquas throughout the Presbytery.

The first Christian Chautauqua to be held in Ashe County was in the school dormitory at West Jefferson, June 9th, to 28th. The platform manager was A. N. Moffett, a recent graduate of Davidson College. With such an enthusiastic and earnest leader as Mr. Moffett proved to be, the successes of the Chautauqua was assured from the start. Miss Gray Green, Miss Annie Walker and Miss Kate DuBose, were the other members of the team and each of them did splendid work and left their influence on the lives of the boys and girls of West Jefferson in a way that will not soon be forgotten. These workers had to assist them Miss Helen Stacy.

The leaders of the church feeling the truth of the statement made by Von Humboldt that "What you would have in the life of a nation you must first put into its schools," have been for the last few years advocating the use of a part of the summer vacation for the holding of Daily Vacation Bible Schools that the children of today who are the citizens of tomorrow may be given religious instruction. One of the features of the Christian Chautauqua, therefore, was a Daily Vacation Bible School which was conducted five days in the week for three hours in the morning.

There were four departments in the school: the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate. The entire school met for fifteen minutes each morning for a period of worship after which each department work to its classroom. The work of the morning was divided into three parts: Bible period, Recreation period and Hand work period.

In the Bible period the children were taught by story and lecture some of the truths of the Bible and to know and love God as their Heavenly Father and Jesus as their friend. They memorized passages of the Bible and learned many interesting things about the great Book.

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## CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

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The recreation period was under the direction of Miss Walker, who is a graduate in Physical Education, and has had wide experience in playground work. "Play is the serious business of childhood," and the children soon caught Miss Walker's happy enthusiasm and learned to play many interesting games.

Only those who were fortunate enough to see the display of the handwork on the closing day of the school can appreciate what the handwork period meant to the pupils. The Junior girls made pretty dolls to be sent to an Orphanage, and on each doll was pinned a note from the girl sending it, that will delight the heart of the girl receiving it. The Junior boys made little benches and gave them to the new Sunday school at West Jefferson. The Intermediate girls made rag rugs, aprons and other lovely things.

The whole school assembled again each day for thirty minutes before closing. At this hour, health and habit talks were given by prominent men of the town. Each day's session closed with the salute to the National and Christian Flags.

On the closing day of the school the parents were invited, and a special program was given by the children. Each department had a special feature in the program and the visitors were enabled to see what the children had been learning. After the program the handwork was on display.

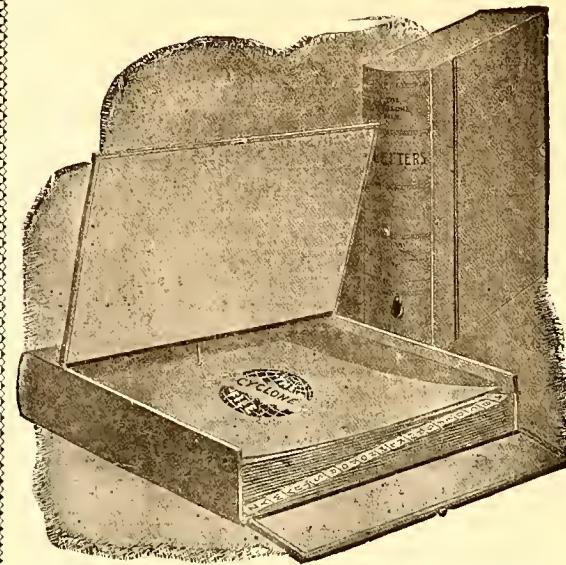
There were 120 enrolled in the school and the average attendance was 70. It is interesting to note the percentage attending from each denomination.

Baptist, 52; Methodist, 38; Presbyterian, 26; Episcopalian, 1; No church, 3.

The success of the school can best be measured by the reactions of the children themselves, for they, with the delightful frankness of childhood say just what they think. That they loved to go is shown by the fact that although they were not allowed in the building until nine o'clock, some of them would be outside before eight and the parents said that it was impossible to keep them at home until the time for opening. One boy said he wished it would last "forever" and several begged that the school be held all day long.

The meetings at night were held in the school auditorium and the programs were varied. Each night for thirty minutes, with Mr. Moffett leading, all present joined in singing old familiar songs that everyone loves. On three nights there were stereopticon lectures that were inspiring and helpful. Believing that "all work and no play" makes anybody dull, one night was given to games under the direction of Mr. Walker.

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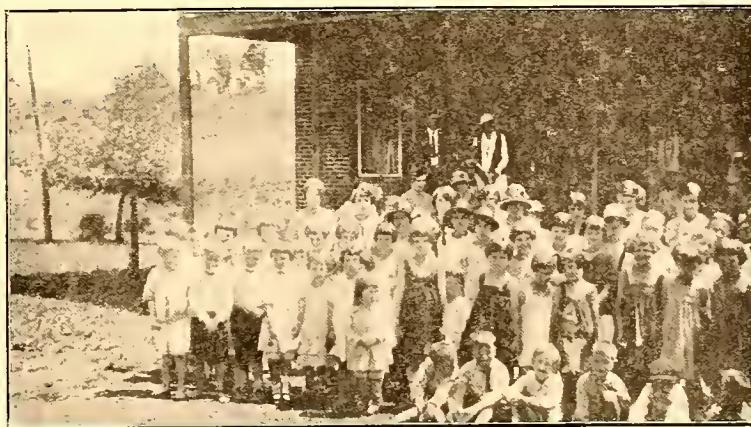
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"Edna and I enjoyed reading the paper with the fine reports of your work, etc."—Rev. Coyte Hunter, Raleigh, N. C.

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"Read every word of it"—Hon. T. L. Smith, Member House of Representatives.

"It's a dandy little paper and shows activity and interest throughout the county"—Miss Miriam Schmidt, Waco, Texas.

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"It seems like a letter from home. We are always glad to hear of the good work you are doing."—Mrs. Cnrb Bare, Winsper, Idaho.

## With Our Young People

Miss Lillian Baker, now of High Point, attended the Young People's Conference at Montreat.

King Woodie is working this summer in Akron, Ohio. King made the honor roll at Glade Valley this year.

Miss Bianche Neal was in Stonewall

Jackson College the past year and is expecting to return in September.

Edward McNeill has placed his application for entrance to Davidson College.

Winston Neal and Mrs. R. H. Stone attended the Young People's Conference at Davidson College. Mrs. Stone later attended the Young People's Conference at Montreat. She is secretary of Young People's Work in the Presbytery.

Clarence Crawford will teach at Obids this year. Clinton Burgess took the summer school work at Boone.

Ernest Bare is preparing to teach this session.

Miss Effie Severt is spending the summer in Winston-Salem.

Charles Crawford is taking a course in Pharmacy at U. N. C.

### WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH CONSTITUTED

On Sunday, July 12th, a Presbyterian church was constituted at West Jefferson. The Commission consisted of Revs. C. W. Robinson, J. H. Carter and R. H. Stone, and Elders E. A. McNeill and J. R. Finley.

The church was constituted with five ladies: Mesdames T. C. Bowie, R. C. Barr, W. J. Price, T. P. Tndor and Miss Elizabeth Bowie. Mrs. Barr and Miss Bowie came in by profession of faith and baptism.

Rev. C. W. Robinson presided and in a most beautiful way conducted the service speaking to the congregation about the organization and purpose of the church. He also propounded the questions and received those on profession.

There are some great self-supporting churches today that began with five, or a smaller number of members. With the blessing of God upon this organization it will grow to a great membership. We predict a great work for this church in that growing and hustling town. The other Presbyterian churches are glad to welcome into their number this new church with a bright future.

## CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

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rection of Miss Walker.

Another night a pageant, "The Message" was presented. It was a beautiful presentation and carried a message on the observance of the Sabbath, that made those who saw it feel the necessity in the days of stress and strain of keeping God's day holy.

For the first week each night after the song service, there was a class for Sunday school workers. The class was conducted by Miss DuBose who is an expert on Sunday School Methods. She gave the unit in the Standard Teacher Training Course on the "Pupil."

The last ten nights of the Chautauqua Rev. J. H. Carter conducted a series of evangelistic services in the Carolina Theatre. Mr. Carter is a most pleasing and forceful speaker and the Gospel messages he brought were extremely interesting and helpful.

The Chautauqua in its different phases reached the whole community and the boys and girls and the men and women were greatly helped by it. West Jefferson is looking forward already to a greater Chautauqua next summer.

### RECORDS AND HONORS

Ashe County Pupils in Glade Valley School

Ted Tucker, Laurel Springs.  
Darrell Bowlin, Laurel Springs.  
King Woodie, Laurel Springs.  
Clarence Crawford, Obids.  
Jacob Crawford, Obids.  
Ernest Bare, Obids.  
Ruth Long, Wagoner.  
Moses Harless, Glendale Springs.

Darrell Bowlin received \$2.50 in cash for neatness of room and \$5.00 in gold for Bible memory work. Made the second highest grade in school for the year, and on the Honor Roll for the year.

Ruth Long received \$5.00 in gold for Bible memory work and on the Honor Roll for the year.

King Woodie on Honor Roll for year. Average of 95 or above for Honor Roll.

Ted Tucker, and Jacob Crawford on the Honor Roll for one or more quarters.

The others made good passing grades but not enough to make Honor Roll.

Clarence Crawford and Ernest Bare were graduates this year.

The Men of the Presbyterian churches of Ashe County will meet at Ebenezer on July 24th, at 2:00 P. M. It is hoped that Dr. Gillespie will attend. He helped to build this edifice with his hands.

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The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will meet in its fifth regular session in the Jefferson Presbyterian church on the first Tuesday of September at 7:30 P. M. One of our young ministers, Rev. J. R. McGregor, the retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon.

**GROCERIES**

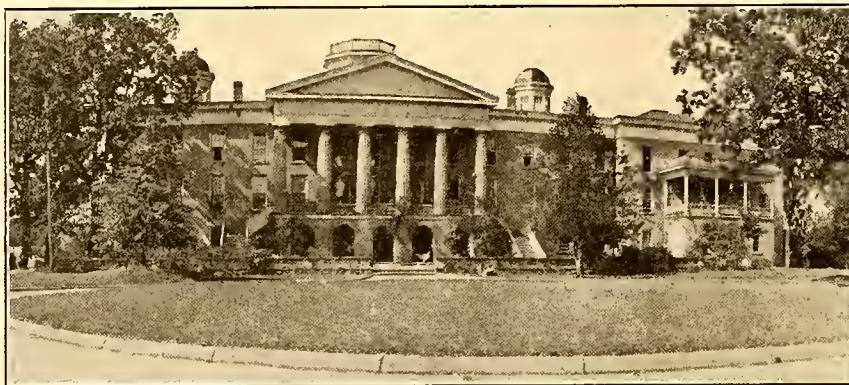
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## With Our Churches

All over the field there is progress and cause to rejoice. Every church and preaching point has been visited by Rev. W. A. Ross, D. D., who has told the congregations of Mexico and Mexican missions. Rev. E. E. Gillespie, D. D., has preached in every Presbyterian Church in the County and has visited the preaching points.

**WEST JEFFERSON**—We are glad to report the Church constituted at West Jefferson is getting on nicely. It has a good growing Sunday school. In addition to the above mentioned ministers the pulpit has been filled by Revs. D. J. Blackwell and E. W. Thompson. Watch the West Jefferson Church.

**NATHANS CREEK**—It seems that another preaching point is to become an organized church. Presbytery has appointed a commission to organize a church, if the way be clear, there. This is to be done on October 25th at 11:00 a. m. Dr. J. S. Foster, of the First Presbyterian church, of Winston-Salem, will preach the sermon. Eighteen people signed the petition for organization and another fine young man has signified his purpose to become one of the charter members. Keep your eye on Nathans Creek, too.

**JEFFERSON**—has had a good time. The Home Coming and Dr. Gillespie's preaching was great. This church has probably never had such a season of genuine gospel preaching in all of its sweetness and helpfulness and power as was this series of services. Dr. Gillespie is a real preacher in every sense of the word.

At the concluding services, Messrs. E. C. Turner, Jr., and J. F. Scott were ordained and installed elders. Messrs. Jas. D. and W. E. McNeill and Dr. L. E. Buie were ordained and installed deacons. Little Robert McNeill was baptized and became one of the Church's children. The Lord's Supper was commemorated.

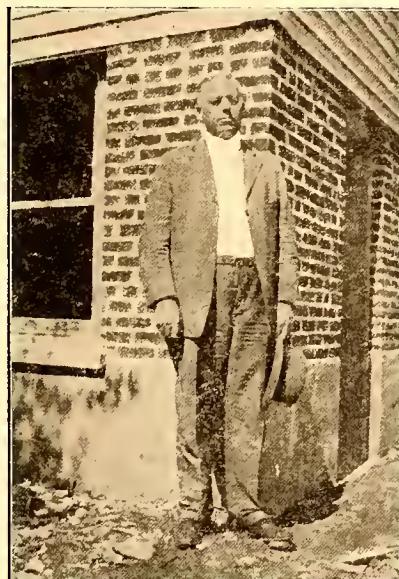
The Sunday school has enjoyed a prosperous summer and now as the fall and winter is approaching we are so much better prepared to serve the community. The new McNeill Sunday school room has many advantages. It has a large Sunday school room which can be divided into several others. It has a kitchen (which is provided with running water) which, for a time, will be used by the Beginner's Department. It has a furnace room and a big pipeless furnace has been shipped. There is a stairway leading up to the main auditorium. The midweek Bible Studies will be conducted in this new room.

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## The McNeill Sunday School Room

On October 4th, the McNeill Sunday school room was given to the Jefferson church by a liberal elder and fine Christian gentleman—Mr. E. A. McNeill. This was given after a Rally Day program and after gifts had been made for Sunday school extension.

It was quite appropriate that this great gift—the greatest since the church was erected—should come at this time. It is a gift that will greatly facilitate local Sunday school extension. As far as it adds materially the church plant is bettered



E. A. McNEILL

one thousand dollars. As far as it adds comfort—it is inestimable. As far as service and facilities for a better social and spiritual ministry is concerned it can never be computed. Here is a gift that will serve and be enjoyed and greatly profited by generations to come. It is the donor's wish that it be of the greatest possible service to the people of the county. In addition to being used by the Sunday school and Bible study classes, it will be opened on public occasions as a ladies' rest room. Some member of the Auxiliary will be there as hostess. Rocking chairs, magazines, stationery, etc., will be provided for the use of ladies who come to Jefferson to attend court and for similar occasions demanding that some of their time be spent here. Ladies are urged to take advantage of this beautiful and well equipped room.

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## Activity with the Men of the Church.

### THANKSGIVING MEETING AT OBIDS

If by activity is meant calloused hands, being physically fatigued and possessing great blisters because of familiarity with a mattock, pick, shovel, or paint brush, some of our men can qualify for a high degree. A great deal of excavating was done for the McNeill Sunday school room by the men. Much of the painting done on the Ebenezer and Peak Creek churches was done by the Men of the Church.

If by activity is meant the giving of one's substance to the work of the Lord, some of our men can qualify in a fine way. Our Benevolent quotas are being paid right along. Of course, in this the ladies have a great big share, too.

But what in particular are the Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County doing? We are meeting four times each year. And we do some things when we meet. There are various forms of activity in which we are interested. THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN, our official organ, is a thing of great interest to us. Through its influence three students are enrolled at Glade Valley. And if we are doing nothing more, a work that can never be computed is being done in this. Who knows but that from these may come a great preacher who will move thousands by his eloquence and by his preaching the saving Gospel of the living Christ? Who knows but that from this trio may come a teacher—a Christian teacher of sweetness and charm who will prepare many a youth for college and for life; or a missionary who will lead thousands to love her Lord; or who knows that because of this influence one may come to have a positive Christian home to bless a community and to be a great pillar of righteousness—a bulwark of our national and spiritual strength?

The Men of the Churches are vitally interested in the extension of our Lord's work here in this county. The men help where help is needed. The Men of the Church are responsible for a series of four lectures on the history of the Presbyterian Church. These addresses are given in popular meetings in order that a larger number may know the thrilling history of our great Church.

It is expected that every man be a soul winner. Each one is expected to talk to someone about the condition of his soul and urge that he accept Christ.

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### Editorial

What a blessing Auxiliary Circles are! The Circle in High Point of which Mrs. Chas. W. Perry is Chairman is supporting a student at Glade Valley. Speaking for her Circle Mrs. Perry writes, "We want to do some kind of definite work this year, and have decided to help some child go to school for a year."

Could any finer work be done? There is probably no work that will produce more satisfying results than building Christian character.

Is there another circle somewhere that would like to take a similar step? We would like to hear from you.

It seems that so many people have eyes and don't see. We are thinking now of the spiritual eyesight with a particular application to Sabbath observance. The Lord expects us to "REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY." We pick up the Monday morning paper and a great deal of it is filled with Lord's Day fatalities. Parties out joy riding—one turned over; another was pushed off a curve; head-on-collision for another; train ran into this car. The results are that many are killed. Should we not allow these accidents to speak to us? Shouldn't we read into them that Sunday is no time for our own pleasure? Are not some of these accidents punishments and chastisements for Sabbath breaking? "He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done." (Col. 3:25). God expects us to honor Him and to keep His day holy. To be the witness for Christ that we should be we must have regard for His commandment.

The summer and early fall brought to us an unusual number of sudden deaths. One hour some of our citizens have been well and happy. The next hour either found them in eternity or in an unconscious state just waiting for the complete summons.

Every unsaved man and woman should get the message from them. There should be a great searching of heart. The questions that should be asked, are: "Am I prepared to meet God? Am I ready for a sudden death?"

### ARE YOU? ARE YOU?

Some people take their church vows in such opposite ways. We have in mind some men and women who are always present when there is a service in their church. No matter the weather, the distance, the roads, the company—they are at church. They enjoy it. They are witnessing. Their lives are examples of faithfulness.

There are others who took the same vows who attend services only now and then. When there is some service somewhere else that appeals to the curiosity, or a service that draws a larger crowd, or some neighbor to talk to, or cattle to salt, or a joy ride to take, or some sick fifteenth cousin to visit—there they are when they should be in their own service. One should first be loyal to the Kingdom of God which Christ set up—after that one should be loyal to the individual church to which he belongs. If you are within reach of your church, and are able to go, it is your solemn, religious DUTY to attend its services unless you can serve God better in some other place.

### With Our Young People

Our young people—bless their hearts! They are studying and teaching right along.

Edward McNeill is a Freshman at Davidson College.

John Foster is a Senior at N. C. State. He won a great honor there last year.

Elizabeth Bowie is at Salem Academy.

Blanche Neal is at Stonewall Jackson College. Winston Neal is a Freshman at Weaver College.

Glade Valley has seventy high school students, which is perhaps the largest high school enrollment in its history. There are thirteen from Ashe: Fay Howell, Verdie Miller, Vinee and Wayne Waddell, Dempsey and Ruth Bowlin, King Woodie, Ted Tuckner, Worth Shepherd, Mary and Ethel Miller, Hazel Bare and Clyde Cox.

Jake Crawford and Darrell Bowlin are at Boone.

Lillian Baker is at High Point.

Wray Severt and Gwynn Little are in the Jefferson School.

Vaughn and Bruce Bowlin are Juniors at Elon College.

Ruby Long is in the Elkland High School.

Now for the teachers: Clarence Crawford, Clinton Burgess, Ruth Long, Boyd Bowlin and Effie Severt.

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Any statement about it would be incomplete without the presentation thought of Mr. McNeill which follows:

"This is a glad occasion for our Sunday school. We have been talking of this Sunday school room for a long time, and wishing for its completion. And now that we have it, I am sure that we are all glad.

"For my part, I want to say it is a very great joy to me to know that I have had a part in its erection—but at the same time, I fully realize that I have just been an humble instrument—for we and all that we have are given us by the bountiful hand of God and I am glad to return to Him a part of His own.

"I haven't the language to adequately express my gratitude and appreciation for all His good gifts and the part I have had in this is a small token of my love and gratitude for all His goodness, mercy and love.

"I feel sure that we do not pause and meditate enough on the fact that we and all that we have are not our own, be it much or little, and that we should be more zealous in spending more for God who gave it and less for our own personal use.

"I assure you that this small token is one of the greatest joys of my life and I am pleased to present the keys of this Sunday school room to the officers of our Church."

Mr. A. R. Vail, a co-elder for twenty-five years, in a very gracious way received the building and thanked Mr. McNeill for it and in concluding his remarks said: "Thank God for Mr. McNeill."

The congregation then rose in thanks and appreciation and in loving gratitude of what Mr. McNeill had given the Church.

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### Rally Day

The Jefferson Sunday school observed Rally Day. The offering for Sunday School Extension was \$20.00. If your Sunday school is the school it might be it is the greatest spiritual and evangelizing force in your community. Last year 24,200 came into the Southern Presbyterian Church by profession of faith. Of this number, Mr. Magill says 19,097 came thru the Sunday school. What an argument for Sunday schools! Let us make them better, and have more of them.

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This gift makes us, as far as we know, the most complete church and Sunday school plant in the county. We don't boast—we thank God for it.

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem was the guest of this church in September, and we were delighted with the honor of entertaining them. They honored our own Mr. Thompson by electing him moderator.

The Auxiliary is a good one. In addition to their other activities they are going to study "Out of the Wilderness"—the Home Mission study book for the fall.

**EBENEZER**—You would hardly recognize the place. It has been painted outside. The benches have been nicely stained. In some future issue we expect to give you a picture of the church. Rev. E. W. Thompson has been holding the regular services there and has been giving some time to the Sunday school.

**OBIDS**—Light is yet shining. It has had the privilege of having a number of visiting ministers to serve in its ministry of preaching. A D. V. B. S. was held there with fine results. We are expecting Rev. J. H. Carter to hold our evangelistic meeting.

**PEAK CREEK** is another building that has a different appearance. The wood-work is about completed and as we go to press it is being painted. Mr. Thompson has been laboring here both manually and spiritually. Peak Creek has the only Christian Endeavor in the group and it does fine work.

We are greatly indebted to Rev. Geo. W. Lee, who while on his vacation here, helped out in a number of ways—preaching the gospel several times.

## Some Interesting Statistics

There are within our Assembly the following Presbyterian Educational Institutions:

- 4 Theological Seminaries.
- 1 Training School.
- 18 Colleges.
- 10 Junior Colleges.
- 13 Secondary Schools.
- 16 Secondary Mountain Schools.
- 14 Elementary Mountain Schools.
- 2 Mexican Mission Schools.

2 Training Schools for Colored People.

14 Orphans' Homes and Schools.

There are 95 of these institutions whose faculties number 975. Their student bodies amount to 13,650 students. There are 562 buildings with property valued at \$18,601,925.00. They are blessed with an endowment of \$8,448,510.00. Their combined libraries have 379,973 books.

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Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 25, 1925  
"The Ashe Presbyterian,"  
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Dear Miss Stacey:

I received the sample copy of your little paper sent us a few weeks ago, and have intended ordering it before, but have neglected to do it. I am enclosing a check for \$1.00 please send me the paper to No. 520 West Washington St., Greensboro, N. C. The balance you can use in your general fund or send out some more sample copies to others, and who knows that some may bring you in something worth while? Some day I want to visit Jefferson as I have never been up in that part of the State. With very best wishes for you, your paper, and Church, I am,

Yours most sincerely,  
W. S. CLARY.

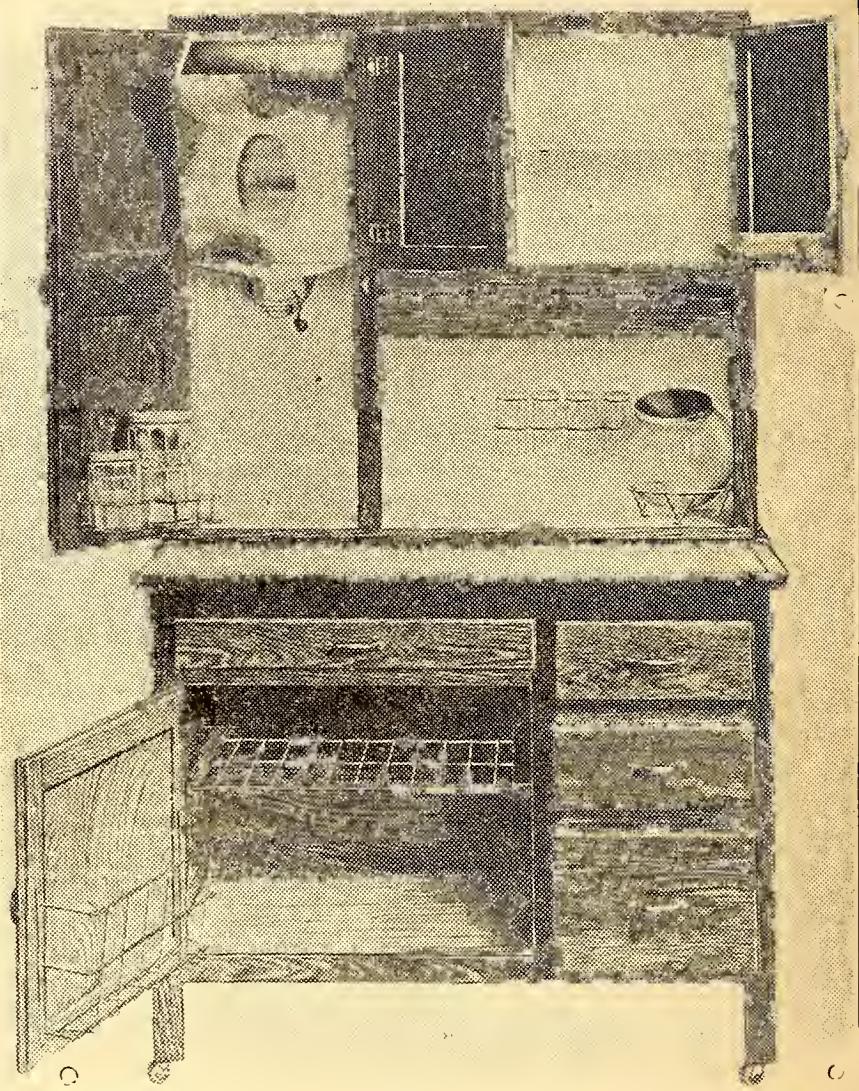
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The Men of the Church are functioning. The officers are: J. C. Crawford, President; D. C. Bare, Vice-President; E. C. Turner, Jr., Secretary; and W. E. McNeill, Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at Obids on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a. m. There will be a praise service as has been our custom. Dinner will be served on the ground and all are asked to come and to bring well filled baskets.

There will then be taken the annual offering for our Orphanage at Barium. Bring money, potatoes, cabbage, apples, etc. We want to send a truck load of edibles to our 360 children. The Men of the Churches expect everyone to do his duty.

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## What Presbyterians Are Doing in North Carolina

By REV. E. E. GILLESPIE, D. D.,  
Supt. of Synod's Home Missions.

North Carolina is a great State and the Presbyterians within her borders are a great people. Not so numerous, it is true, as some other denominations, but for efficiency and real worth they can not be surpassed. They have been at their Father's business, too, and the results of their endeavors are far reaching and worthwhile. Review with me their activities in the Old North State for the last thirty-seven years and mark their steady progress.

### GROWTH IN NUMBERS

In 1888 our denomination had 122 ministers, now we have 316. The Sunday school enrollment has increased from 13,165 to 64,567. We then had only 261 churches, while we now have 559, and our membership has increased from 22,553 to 76,213. Growth in numbers is fine but a tragedy if not accompanied by unmistakable evidences of spirituality and development. An acid test of a consecrated membership is its giving power. About the last thing withheld from absolute devotion to the Lord is a man's pocket book. Applying this test to our denomination during these thirty-seven years, we find it

### GROWING IN GIVING

Look for instance at the response to the Foreign Mission call. In 1888 we gave \$12,761 while in 1925 our contributions to this cause amounted to \$269,791, a little over twenty-one times as much. Thirty-seven years ago, our contributions to all benevolences totaled only \$29,811 while last year we gave \$860,031. For all purposes we gave in 1888, \$142,150, while our gifts to all purposes in 1925 amounted to \$2,401,004, a little over sixteen times as much as in 1888, though our membership has increased only three and one-half times. The only explanation of such parting with money as this, is the spirituality of our people, the recognition that they are not their own but that they and theirs belong to God.

### OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF PERIOD

If asked to name the outstanding feature of this period of thirty-seven years, we would not hesitate in designating it the Home Mission Work of our Synod and Presbyteries. Memorable is the year 1888 in our history of North Carolina Presbyterianism for it was the year that the Synod meeting in Goldsboro inaugurated

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## John Erwin Foster, an Ashe Presbyterian, Wins International Honors

John Erwin Foster, one of our Ashe County boys, a member of the Jefferson Presbyterian church, a member of the Senior Class at N. C. State College, was chosen with three of his classmates to represent his college in the International Jndging Contest at Chicago on November 28th.

The N.C. State team in competition with twelve of the other State Colleges won first place. Our own Ashe County boy winning the first place for his team, which was the highest International score ever made at the International Crops Contest by any student.

This is the second time since the International Crops Judging Contest was started



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Individual Score Ever Made in International Crops Contest

(about five years ago) that the N. C. State College team has won first place. We do not know definitely the other teams but the following are the teams who have been competing in the contest and very likely were represented again this year: Kansas State College, Nebraska State College, W. Virginia State College, Michigan State College, Virginia State College, Iowa State College, North Carolina State College, Montana State College, Idaho State College, Ohio State College, Oklahoma State College, Indiana State College and Pennsylvania State College.

We are glad to know that our own N. C. State College can go into a contest with these much larger and some more older colleges and come away with first

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## Thanksgiving at Obids

"We enjoyed the service," "We had a good time," are two characteristic sentences that were heard about the service on Thanksgiving Day at Obids. The largest crowd ever gathered there for a similar service was present. The young people at Obids had done some artistic decorating to the interior of the building. Professor McBee, of Wilkesboro, gave it a touch of his genius and he is a real artist when decorating for Thanksgiving occasions.

The service began with "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," with Prof. McBee at the organ. After the Scripture reading, prayers and hymns some real praise and thanksgiving were expressed by a great many persons of the congregation. Everyone was given an opportunity to "Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits."

This was followed by an appeal and an offering for our Orphanage at Barium Springs. The cash offering was \$50.00 and a truck load of apples, potatoes, cabbage, pumpkins, canned goods and other edibles have been sent.

Rev. J. H. Carter, our popular and efficient superintendent of Presbytery's Home Misions, was present and gave us one of his stirring messages. His urgent plea was that we should be witnessing Christians—make Christ known. The great criticism of his address was that he didn't talk long enough. It was long enough, too, but Mr. Carter put us under a spell and we didn't want to come out.

Then came the service in which the angels around the throne of God rejoiced and gave thanks. Thelma and Emma Jackson and Clyde Day, having professed their faith in Christ, were received into the membership of the Obids church by baptism. Then the Communion Service—in which we thanked God for His "un-speakable gift."

The house was full and people were standing around the walls. All of the churches were represented and it was a grateful service, the memory of which will linger.

Dinner on the grounds was a great and good feature. Rarely is there ever such a great assortment of well cooked food brought out. All were well fed.

After dinner the crowd dispersed and the afternoon service having been called off on account of the death and burial of Mr. Joe Ashley, a son of one of our Obids' members—Mr. Roey Ashley. The Men of the Church desire to express to

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**Editorial**

The Christmas tide is near and the Christmas cheer is soon to appear. Let us all remember that it is a birthday we are to keep—the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we go to birthday parties given by our earthly friends we take a gift, we have a most happy time, and we are very careful not to do anything that would bring a pain to our host or hostess. So with Christmas—Christ wants us to bring gifts of love and service to Him and to render aid and to provide Christmas cheer to the unfortunate for “iunasmueh as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

Then, too, as we enjoy this Christmas, let us make sure that we do not do anything that Christ does not approve. Do not go anywhere you would not be willing to invite your Savior. Do not take anything into your mouth that you could not ask Jesus to share with you. Do not let any word come from your mouth that you would not utter in His presence—for He is by you to hear it anyway.

To this end we wish for every one of our readers the happiest holiday season you have ever had. May your life be filled with good cheer and the Spirit of the living Christ which brings “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

We are very grateful as we look back over the year, to our many friends who have helped us out in our programs and in our attempts to serve the Lord in promoting His Kingdom. The Auxiliary of the First church in Greensboro has helped in a most remarkable way. Nothing has been left undone. With the help of Presbytery and Synod that Auxiliary has made it possible for us to have another worker. A Circle of the High Point Presbyterian church is supporting a student at Glade Valley. Much aid has come to us from some ladies in Durham. Friends far and near have responded in a fine way to

our appeal for subscriptions to this publication. We are just so indebted to you all. As we thought of all this aid we “thanked God, and took courage.”

Sometime ago the Chautauqua came around and among many good thoughts that were left is this: There are three classes of people in the world—those who can see nothing but glory; those who can see nothing but mud; and those who, fortunately, can see the glory in the mud.

This reminds us of our Nathan's Creek experience. There were about eighteen or nineteen people who of their own accord had circulated and signed a petition asking for the organization of a Presbyterian church at Nathan's Creek. The petition was presented to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem and a commission was appointed and a day set. When that day came only one of the petitioners was at the appointed place. It was a most humiliating experience. Can it be that these people saw so much glory in the mud that they were afraid to put their feet in it?

**Help Us Out**

Two applications for mailing privileges have been sent in to the Postal Department at Washington. The two applications have been returned. Now we have less than 1200 subscriptions. It seems that we mailed too many of the July issue to secure the privileges on the present paid circulation. We need to have 1720 subscribers. So will you kindly send us your dime or your dollar if you are not already a subscriber. If you send a dollar send ten names—or just your own and we will add nine others. Getting this will mean hundreds of dollars to us within the next few years. What profit we make goes into equipment of the work.  
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**President Crawford's Message**

To the good ladies of our other churches and especially the good ladies of other denominations who did so much to make our Thanksgiving service a great success, “The Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County,” do feel grateful for your kindness and help and so very thankful for the Christian spirit shown. May the Lord of the Harvest repay you a hundred fold and bless you in your special fields of labor.

(Signed) J. C. CRAWFORD,  
President of the Men of the Church

SUBSCRIBE TO A CHURCH PAPER

**The Dram Drinking Church Member**

There are some members of the church who persist in drinking their dram. They say they do no harm. They say they don't get drunk—but some church members do get drunk. They think because their fathers before them drank they can and that no one has any right to speak to them about that privilege which they think is theirs.

Let us see about that. In the first place it is against the law to drink except when rightfully prescribed by a physician. So he who drinks, puts himself in a class with the outlaws. Again—some people who drink are ashamed of it and deceive and lie about it. Last summer at a Sunday afternoon meeting a man came reeling into the church and sat down by the writer. He was so drunk that he smelled like a still-slop barrel. Not being able to sit up he fell over on the back of the seat and in a drunken doze he went thru the service.

After the service the following dialogue took place:

“Mr. Blank, I am sorry you drank that stuff.”

“I have not drunk anything.”

“You are so drunk you can hardly walk now.”

“No, I am not drunk.”

“Why I can smell it on your breath.”

“Can you, sure enough?”

His drink had made him a liar. “All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.” (Rev. 22:8.)

The dram drinking habit often leads to being a drunkard. The Bible doesn't mince things but consigns the drunkard to hell. “Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards \* \* \* shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

The man who drinks is a stumbling block. It can't be covered up. People—and often little children—know it and the finger of scorn is pointed at the church. They say what use is it to become a Christian if that is the way Christians live?

Dram Drinking Church Member, quit it. If you don't care for yourself, your family or your influence, quit it for Christ's sake. He has a work to do which is being done by the church. And if you are bringing shame to your church you are blocking Jesus Christ and the work of the progress of His Kingdom.

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## West Jefferson Presbyterian Church Organized

We could write a whole paper on West Jefferson and the fine outlook, progress, growing pains, etc. From June 12th to November 22nd it was only a constituted church. On Nov. 22nd, Mr. O. L. Naas was ordained and installed as elder. About 2435 years ago Mordecai said "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" This is the way we feel about Mr. Naas. He comes to us from the Belmont Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va., in which he was a deacon. He is superintendent of the Soapstone Works at Baldwin. He is a young, vigorous, business man with consecration and vision. And what is more—he is deeply interested in the church at West Jefferson.

Letters have been received for Mrs. Naas and for three of their husky, all-American boys—Donald C., George R. and Wendall K. Naas. Since the church was constituted in June it has doubled its membership. If we could do that every year it would be unique.

The Sunday school is growing right along. One Sunday in November there were 42 present. Mr. Naas is assistant superintendent. Mr. P. T. McNeill being the superintendent. The Bible Class has been organized with Dr. Harry Scroggs, President. Mrs. T. C. Bowie has the interesting class of Juniors. Miss Louise Greene has the Primary and Beginners Class. Mrs. R. C. Barr is the Treasurer.

There has been much talk about the securing of a lot for a building. Probably before this paper comes from the press the lots will have been purchased. We need a modern house of worship very, very much. The congregations attending the services have been large considering the fact that there are other services in town at the same time. We thank the Lord for the encouragement that comes from West Jefferson—also for the loyal support of the membership and others that help and attend.

"Rev. O. G. Jones, D. D., superintendent of Synod's Home Missions, gave a most encouraging report of the work under his care. He is a tireless worker, believes thoroughly in the cause, sees the great opportunities before us as a church, and is leaving nothing undone within his power to prosecute the work as rapidly as possible."—The Mississippi Visitor. This is the same Dr. Jones that we know in Ashe County. His address is Pontotoc, Miss.

Several years ago as a summer worker W. E. Hill spent some time in Ashe teach-

ing school and in other ways witnessing for his Lord. Now he is Rev. W. E. Hill, D. D. He has received a call to the Second Presbyterian church of Richmond. This pulpit was made vacant by the passing of the beloved Dr. Russell Cecil. Of Dr. Hill The Greensboro News says in its news columns, that he is "one of foremost ministers of the Southern Presbyterian denomination \* \* . A brilliant preacher, with a fine personality, Dr. Hill is tremendously popular here (Fayetteville.) \* \* \* The church to which Dr. Hill will go is one of the leading congregations of the South. It has had but two pastors during the past 80 years, Dr. Moses Hoge and Dr. Russell Cecil."

Rev. D. R. Freeman will live long in the memory of many of our readers. He is a preacher-cornetist. In a recent letter he says: "Robert Orr Freeman is an addition to our family. He was born Nov. 16, 1925. Weighs 7½ pounds. Mother is doing nicely—so is son."

## Here and There

On December 3rd the Womans' Auxiliary of the Jefferson church gave a bazaar and an oyster supper in the McNeill Sunday school room. They realized in profit about \$75.00. The supper was enjoyed by a great many.

Two marriages of great interest to our readers have been solemnized recently. Miss Eula Jackson, of Beaver Creek, is the bride of Mr. J. S. Stephens, of West Jefferson. Rev. S. C. Blackburn performed the ceremony. Mr. Stephens is an enterprising and accommodating and rising young merchant at West Jefferson.

On November 25th, Miss Eula Winona Neal became the bride of Mr. W. B. Austin. Rev. R. H. Stone performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Richmond, Washington and a tour of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. They will make their home in Jefferson where Mr. Austin is mayor of the town and enjoys a fine law practice—having the confidence of the people of the county in a fine way.

Rev. E. W. Thompson has been spending some time in Maryland.

Mrs. R. H. Stone will spend the Christmas holidays in Quincy, Florida.

On November 18th, Mr.— and Miss— were united in marriage at the manse. They gave the preacher \$5.00 to keep his mouth shut about it until Christmas.

## King Woodie Doing Fine Work at Glade Valley



KING WOODIE

Last December our columns told you of King Woodie and of his inability to go to school on family funds. His father is dead and his mother has a large family of boys. King had gone to work at a saw mill and was helping support the family. We saw that there was a diamond that needed some edges knocked off and an education put on. On faith he was told to go to Glade Valley. Part of his expenses were paid by kind and generous friends and circles. The remainder he paid by working at the school. He made a fine record last year.

This year he is there again—working away for an education. Again he is making part of his way—but is needing some help—probably about \$80.00. Don't you want to have a part this year in helping to educate this boy of promise, this young Christian soldier, this personality on whom we pray God will lay His hand in a call to full-time Christian Service? Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

And if you are too generous we will place the remainder of the money to the credit of a beautiful, sweet and ambitious girl we have at Glade Valley. She had finished public school in Ashe and was longing for an opportunity to go further. Since Thanksgiving she has been there. She, too, was sent there on faith. She is a member of the church, a fine Christian character on whom you would be glad to

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 two epoch making enterprises, Barium Springs Orphanage and Synodical Home Missions. We need only to mention the former, for the cause of the Fatherless Ones is ever near our hearts and the story of our Orphanage at Barium is a household word. The institution is the pride of our people and among similar institutions of other denominations stands without a rival.

## HOME MISSIONS HOPE OF CHURCH

So intimately and vitally related to the very life of the Church is the Home Mission enterprise, that the Church that neglects it is slowly but surely committing suicide. The very origin of the vast majority of our churches is due to the Home Mission Committee. Ninety percent of all of our churches were originally home mission churches. They were at one time little struggling organizations mothered by the Home Mission Committee. Many of them are now strong influential powers for good at home and abroad but they owe their life to Home Missions. From the home mission and country churches, originally of home mission origin, come sixty-five percent of our ministers of the Gospel, forty-two percent of our city eldership, thirty-eight percent of our city deacons and thirty-four percent of our entire city membership. We cannot over-emphasize the importance of Home Missions as a foundation of all the other activities of our Church. The work is basic and he who engages in it is a vital factor in the promotion of the Kingdom of Him in whose service we are engaged and to whom we belong. The rich mine in this State from which the precious wealth of Christian character has been extracted is by no means exhausted. Less than half of our population is now in any protestant denomination. Within the borders of the Old North State are Home Mission tasks challenging the heroic. The call is to men and women who have a mind to work. The results of the past are but the earnest of a harvest gracious and great awaiting our faithful and Christlike endeavors.

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spend your money. Help give these two excellent mountain youths with a future, a Christian education.

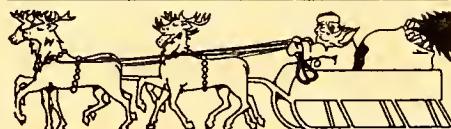
Mail your check either to Rev. E. W. Thompson, Sparta, N. C., or to Rev. R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C. Acknowledgment of all funds will be made immediately and published in the next issue of THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN.

On the first Christmas God gave His Son. Will you not on this Christmas help to educate two of His children

*Lansing*

It would be a delight to any heart to see the fine spirit of co-operation that is manifested in our Bible Study at Lansing each week. Since we have moved the place of study from the High School auditorium to the theater there has been an increased attendance. There is a fine body of young life that comes out. The teachers in the school help out in every possible way. The owner of the building always has it well lighted and comfortable. It is a great pleasure to go to Lansing.

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 honors. We also appreciate the fact that one of our own boys took the first place on the State team, which gives to him international fame. We glory in the fact that this is the greatest honor and distinction that has ever come to a son of Ashe County. John, we believe in and are proud of you.



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On Monday night, December 7th, little Gilbert Parker, of West Jefferson, went to be with Jesus in Heaven. For several days he had had the croup, which went into spasmotic laryngitis. His death was such a sudden shock to all. Gilbert was one of our Sunday school students at West Jefferson. His bright and radiant little personality will be greatly missed. He was loved by all who knew him.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parker who took his little body to Washington, N. C., for interment. Our hearts go out in the kindest and most loving sympathy to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

Four of our Sunday schools are planning for Christmas exercises and Christmas trees.

Mrs. O. L. Naas is the excellent teacher of the Bible Class at West Jefferson. Join the class you'll like it.

Donald and George Naas have had the privilege and distinction of being baptized with water from the Jordan River.

## *Fourteen Points on Killing a Church*

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you come, come with a grouch.
4. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticise.
6. Visit other churches about half of the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.
7. Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
9. Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
12. Of course you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happen to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.—Selected.

Rev. F. F. Comerford is pastor of the Porter Street Presbyterian church, of Richmond, Va. This church has just enjoyed a great revival and about fifty members were received into the church. Mr. Comerford is his own evangelist.

Rev. E. N. Caldwell is pastor of the Grove Avenue Presbyterian church, Richmond, Va. His address is 3313 Park Ave.

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Mr. Ashley and his family their heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement.

Doubtless there wasn't one present who doesn't want to be at Obids next Thanksgiving. Obids—if you want us, invite us. If you don't, don't even hint an invitation for we will take the hint. We like to go to the hospitable community of Obids.

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BOWIE—Preaching Point. Mr. Stone preaches there every second Sunday at 3:00 P. M. in the High School Auditorium.

NATHANS CREEK—Preaching Point. At present Mr. Stone preaches there every Second Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

LANSING—Preaching Point. Bible Study every Tuesday night in the Theater at 7:00 P. M. Mr. Stone is the teacher. As we finish ACTS we will begin a series of lectures—"HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE." Then probably *The Gospel According to Luke* will be studied minutely. This has been called "the most beautiful book in the world."

**C. E. Program Given by  
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November 15, 1925

Leader, Mr. Worth Shephard.

Topic, "Lawlessness."

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Talk by the leader, "Lawlessness in America."

Recitation of the Ten Commandments:

1. King Woodie,
2. Hazel Bare,
3. Verdie Miller,
4. Tedd Tucker,
5. Wayne Waddell,
6. Ethel Miller,
7. Mary Miller,
8. Clyde Cox,
9. Vince Waddell,
10. Dympsie Bowlin.

Song, "Yield Not to Temptation."

Debate: Resolved, "That the 18th Amendment Can Be Enforced."

Affirmative: Ruth Bowlin; Negative: Ethel Miller. The judges rendered the decision in favor of the affirmative.

Special music.

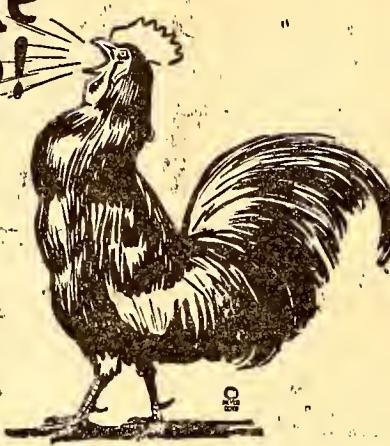
Four Things that Y. P. can do to put down lawlessness in America:

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2. Obey Laws—King Woodie.
3. Overcome Greed—Hazel Bare.
4. Pray—Verdie Miller.

Song, "America."

Prayer, Mr. Eldridge.

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## With the Churches

WEST JEFFERSON—constituted in July with five members and has doubled its membership and has become organized. There are many encouraging features. The Sunday School has been doing good work. There are two regular preaching services each month.

The thing which occupies the horizon just now is a much-needed church home. A lot 75x75 on Jefferson Avenue has been purchased for \$1900. This is to be the site of the future West Jefferson Presbyterian church building. On this lot we hope to erect, through the benevolence of our friends, a church which will be a credit to the town and one that will take care of our congregation for years to come.

Our big need is money! Money to complete the payments of the lot. Money to build a church. If you have some to spare send your check to T. P. Tudor, Treasurer, West Jefferson, N. C.

Though there was no apportionment for Benevolences this church has made a remittance to Rev. E. P. Bradley, Presbytery's Treasurer. Another will probably be made.

JEFFERSON—Before the Church year is ended the congregation will have paid its Benevolent quota. Loyalty week was observed. Its Sunday school has been very encouraging. During the year much material equipment has been added: The McNeill Sunday School Room, which greatly enhances the utility of the building; and the furnace, which has been a real joy and comfort.

The Auxiliary has been a great force and an inspiration to the church.

Four members have been added:—two upon profession and baptism and two by letter. There was one infant baptism.

At a meeting of the elders and deacons on March 4th, the apportioned Benevolent quota of \$135.00 was adopted. To this was added a 20 per cent increase for all the Assembly Canxes. The total budget for the church is \$756.00 for 1926-27. This is an increase of \$156.00 over the budget of the current year. The most significant thing, however, is the spiritual goal of soul winning which was adopted.

OBIDS—For the last month or so the interest in the Sunday school has been increasing. With the exception of one month the regular preaching services have been held—and on this occasion the pastor was given permission to be away.

Upon profession of faith and baptism three have been received into the membership of the church. The Benevolent quota adopted will be paid and Glade Valley

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## HISTORY of EBENEZER CHURCH The First Presbyterian Church of Ashe County.

It was a bright day in March when a history seeker knocked at the door of a Presbyterian elder. In response to a "Come in" the writer saw a red-faced old gentleman sitting before the fire with the Book of Books before him. This gentleman, now seventy-six years old, an elder for more than a quarter of a century, was the first resident-born citizen of Ashe to join the Presbyterian Church. This saint knows more of the history of the Ebenezer Church than does any other person. He is Mr. John Burgess, Wagoner, N. C. To him we are indebted for the most of this information.

When the youthful Rev. Eugene E. Gillespie, now Dr. E. E. Gillespie—our effi-

cient Presbyterian Church had its inception.

In this community others were won to Christ and to Presbyterianism. This was done by the Holy Spirit through the fine personality of the young pioneer, whose early days were filled with "the romance of Home Missions." His days were not spent casting his hook for the rainbow trout, which were numerous in the icy, dashing mountain streams, but for souls and for the location for a church. Finally a commanding place on a ridge, which can be seen for a great distance around, was secured from Mr. George E. Miller, the father of the present chairman of the Board of County Commissioners—Mr. T. K. Miller.

With the site secured the real work began. Mr. Gillespie with others went into the woods and cut the trees, which were hauled to the saw mills and cut into framing and other building material. "He," speaking of Mr. Gillespie, "would get up on a great big log and just let in on it \*.\* You bet he would take hold," said Mr. Burgess. This was a work dear to his heart and he didn't mind the blisters, the bruises, the calloused places in his hands. The work progressed rapidly. The actual work on the building was contracted to Messrs. Johnson Weaver and Walter Williamson. Some of those helping either by cash donations or by work were Messrs. N. L. Brooks, Franklin Atwood, Addy Atwood, John and Cassandra Burgess, Reid, George F. and Clint Farrington, J. B. Sheets, Calvin Severt, Cornelius Bare and Wiley Colvard. Others whose names we could not secure doubtless did a great amount of work. The young parson with saw, hammer, nails and with some assistance, built the seats. Mrs. Cornelia ("Neilly") Bare secured the money to paint the building.

"It is said that Mr. Gillespie put in \$100.00." Mr. Burgess did not know whether this was a personal gift or from Orange Presbytery or from some other source.

"There was a heap o' gossipin' about it. The other denominations was against it." We remember that the enemies of the Lord's people opposed the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem—yet the work went forward. So with the work of the first Presbyterian church in Ashe. There came a day when the faithful workmen and the interested, interesting young

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EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ent superintendent of Synod's Home Missions,—came to the county within the few months of his ministry to become the first resident Presbyterian minister, some of the churches were closed to him. There was much opposition to his coming from several angles. He had to bide the time until Jefferson was open to his ministry. He began preaching in school buildings and in homes and wherever there was an opening. His first converts and the first to join the Presbyterian Church (Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess and their son Mr. Cassandra Burgess) were won in the Wagoner school house. The same building is standing today and a picture accompanies this article. It was here that Ashe County's

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**Editorial**

This issue goes into the office as second class mail. We thank our many friends for sending their subscriptions. Many of you sent money for subscriptions to others and we just didn't have the office force to write each of you the letter you deserved. But we shall ever be grateful to those who have made our subscription list of about 2000 possible.

We are not going to rest on our oars. Within the next year we hope to double the number. And that isn't the goal. Our wagon is hitched to a star.

Just now we are paying up our pledges or bits to the Lord's work. The Lord can't use our promises or our notes. Let us pay up in full and if every church will do this the work of the Kingdom as committed to Southern Presbyterians will not retract, nor mark time—but will go forward.

As we close another church year we begin a new one. It is one of great responsibility. Let us not be afraid to pledge to the Benevolences and to the Current Expenses of our churches. It is only an exercise of faith. Some of our churches have preferred to wait until the end of the year. This isn't the best policy. It is minus all business system. Suppose all the churches did this. Our Executive Committees would have to pay thousands of dollars in interest. So pay into your Lord's treasuries weekly or monthly. He doesn't wait until the last of March to bless you.

The greatest responsibility is that of the lost souls about us. Before another year is closed ministers everywhere will have conducted many funerals. Will those souls be lost? Perhaps some will be unless as Christians our light leads them Home. Unless as churches we win them to and for JESUS CHRIST.

LEAD A SOUL TO ACCEPT JESUS!

**Prayers are Being Answered**

One by one in the Lord's time our prayers are being answered. We have needed and have been praying for another worker. Through the unparalleled generosity and big heartedness of the Woman's Auxiliary of the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro, and with the assistance of Presbytery's and Synod's Home Mission Committees God is answering that heart desire.

Rev. J. H. Carter made a trip to Richmond and as a result one of the choice young ladies of the Senior Class of the Assembly's Training School is to come to us after her graduation in May. She is Miss Myrtle Williamson, of near Charlotte. Her class has honored her by electing her president. We extend to her a hearty welcome and thank God for her coming.

**The Greatest Need**

We are glad to print the following from the pen of Dr. Egbert W. Smith:

One Sunday morning in late October I presented Foreign Missions in one of our Virginia churches. The next day, visiting in a humble home, I was amazed when the husband and wife handed me a check for \$100. Knowing their meager income and that they had four children to provide for, I objected to taking it. But they pressed it on me. When I left, the wife accompanied me out to the porch and said:

"Husband and I have been saving up money for months to get new winter clothes for ourselves and the children. The old ones have gotten thin and ragged. But you told us yesterday of the millions over yonder in their darkness, without any knowledge of a Saviour. So husband and I went home and after talking and praying over it we decided to give this money to you and make our old clothes last another winter. We thought the people over there needed Christ more than we needed new clothes."

**What Our Young People are Doing**

Elizabeth Bowie has been voted the most popular girl in her class. That is fine! Elizabeth is in Salem Academy, Winston-Salem, N. C. It is quite an honor to be held in such esteem.

And our young people will get married. In January, Effie Severt became the bride of Mr. J. O. Brown. They live at 600 Devonshire St., Winston-Salem, N. C. We wish for them happiness galore.

Gwynn Little is working with the Virginia Supply Co., Portsmouth, Ohio.

**The Jefferson Sunday School**

The Sunday School at Jefferson, through its treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Scott, makes an excellent financial statement. The money received was disbursed as follows:

Rally Day Offering -----	\$20.00
Union Theological Seminary -----	5.00
Sunday School Room expense -----	7.31
Current Expenses of Church -----	28.50
Benevolences of Church -----	15.70
Glade Valley -----	7.25
American Bible Society -----	2.30
Sunday School Literature -----	20.26
Cash, March 8th -----	4.08
	\$110.40

This is a report to be proud of. This is more than what the entire church was doing a few years ago. Considering the roughness of the weather (Mr. E. A. McNeill says that he has lived hundreds and thousands of winters and that this is the roughest he ever saw) the attendance has been fine. We take our hats off to the pluck of some who have not missed a Sunday.

**Benevolent Budget of the Southern Presbyterian Church**

For the year beginning April 1st, 1926, is \$4,764,303.00. The Synod of North Carolina is asked to raise the largest amount of any of the Synods. Our share is \$850,084.00. Of this amount Winston-Salem Presbytery is asked to raise \$56,374.00. Of this amount our churches are asked to pay:

Jefferson -----	\$135.00
Obids -----	93.00
Ebenezer -----	91.00
Peak Creek -----	52.00
West Jefferson -----	50.00
	\$421.00

Those churches that have used the envelope system say they could not get along without it. Suppose all five churches try it next year. The day for the Every Member Canvass is March 21st. Every one doing his or her bit will more than put it over. TAKE GOD AND HIS WORK INTO ACCOUNT.

J. D. Crawford is at school at Grassy Creek. Glenn McNeill is at West Jefferson in school.

Jake Crawford represented the Virginia-Carolina High School in the Inter-High School Declamation Contest which was held at Emory and Henry College on February 22nd. Jake is a speaker of repute.

## Appreciated Gifts

Since our appeal for our Glade Valley students in the December issue the following money has been received:

Friend—East Radford, Va.	\$ 5.00
Miss Hallie Holeman	50.00
Miss Jean Holeman	50.00
Friend—Washington, D. C.	50.00
Circle No. 16, Greensboro First	28.00
Miss Mary Caldwell	3.00

Three dollars of the gift of Circle No. 16 was to be used for oranges for a Christmas tree. The request was complied with. Mrs. W. T. Stockwell, for Circle No. 10, Greensboro First, sent \$10.00 which was to be used in the work in the most needed place. This was applied toward the purchase of the lot for the West Jefferson Church.

All of the expense of the students, due to the generosity of our friends, have been paid. We want to remind our readers that Mrs. Chas. W. Perry's Circle, of High Point First, assumed the expenses of the education of a girl at Glade Valley this year. This has been paid in full.

Our friends also made our Christmas programs so much more beneficial and beautiful. Circle No. 5, Greensboro First, sent lovely decorations sufficient for two trees. Circle No. 11, Greensboro First, sent a bucket of candy and twenty-six stockings filled to capacity with presents which were happily selected to please students whose age and sex were known to the Circle. The Sunday School Class of which Miss Jane Crabtree is president, of the Greensboro First, sent a box of toys and valuable articles of clothing, etc., which were distributed and which brought to many little hearts a huge amount of Christmas cheer. Some Greensboro friend, whose name we do not know, sent a box of oranges, which was sufficient for two Sunday schools and many were distributed in other ways. Miss Louise Geoghegan, of Greensboro First, sent \$5.00 to be used in the work. The Young People of the Durham First, through the influence of Miss Patte Jordan, sent a fine box of gifts for the Peak Creek Sunday School.

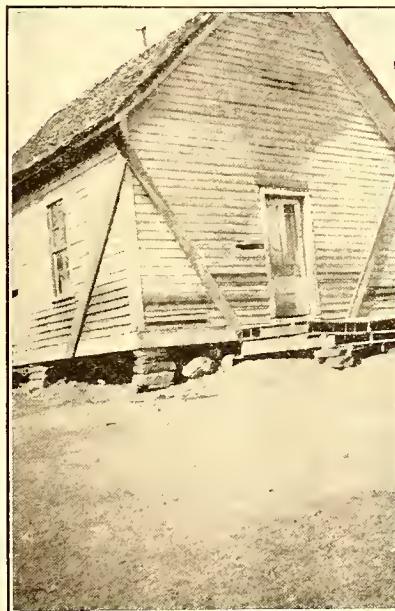
Since the holidays Mrs. Charles Hagan and Mrs. Thomas Crabtree have been quite successful in interesting many of their Auxiliary members (Greensboro First) to send articles of clothing that would be useful to some who could not afford to buy them. Only our Heavenly Father knows the comfort these boxes of clothing have distributed. Some destitute families have been nicely outfitted with clothing that is serviceable, comfortable and stylish.

Some have sent us magazines and other religious literature which have been dis-

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preacher could stand off and view the new, completed church. How good the new building must have looked on its commanding place of eminence with its steeple pointing to Him to whose glory it was to be dedicated.

"What shall we call it?" must have been a question. They might have given it one of many local or more euphonious names. To localize it, it might have been called the Ore Knob Presbyterian Church, or Ridge Crest, or Blue Ridge. But to one looking upon the past the naming had in it a wealth of spirituality, a recognition of thankfulness to Him whose it was. "Ebenezer" it is called. "What's in a name?" asked Shakespeare. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Not so with the old Hebrew words for they have a meaning. The significance of this



WAGONER SCHOOL HOUSE  
The Beginning of Ebenezer

name is found in 1st Sam. 7:12—"Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." There is a stone in one of the foundation pillars on which stands out in granite letters "Ebenezer Presbyterian Church 1897."

A glance at the situation will show to what a great extent the Lord had helped those noble workers. Just a little money, a handful of Presbyterians, and a great deal of opposition and religious (?) intolerance. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" in one word is "Ebenezer." For that church at that time a no more appropriate name could have been found.

For a time after the completion of the

building the church was not organized. But very soon, perhaps before the final touches were made, the Sunday school was organized. A Union Seminary student—Mr. W. A. Murray—came to assist Mr. Gillespie. This young man, who made an indelible impression upon the lives with which he came in contact, organized the first Presbyterian Sunday school in Ashe County. He was the first superintendent. He spent two summers in Ashe and Mr. Burgess says that he was "a good stake in the church." When Mr. Murray left Mr. Gillespie knew that his mantle should fall upon Mr. Burgess, who succeeded as superintendent. Throughout the years he has been superintendent with the exception of a year that Mr. Calvin Severt was superintendent, later the minutes of session show that Cassander Burgess was elected to the office. Mr. A. A. Finnie, an extension worker of the Sunday School Committee, was superintendent and did an excellent piece of work in recent years. But a lasting tribute must be paid to Mr. John Burgess for his faithfulness as office bearer and teacher in the Sunday school.

Mr. Gillespie answered the call to a larger service. He was succeeded by Rev. Allen Jones who found a good building, a good Sunday school, but no church organization. In the Ebenezer Session Book there is a "Roll of the Ebenezer Church." The first date is December 5, 1897. Three members (the Burgesses) were received. On June 5, 1898, three more were added. On June 29th, four were added. And then at frequent intervals there were additions. These were probably received by Mr. Gillespie.

To this goodly number the Lord was adding monthly some that were saved. Mr. Jones assisted by Rev. C. E. Hodgin organized the church. The Minutes of the Session for the first years are not available. The earliest record of the Minutes of the Session is "December 8, 1904," when Rev. S. C. Smith was moderator and with him was Rev. M. C. Arrowood, who was evidently holding a revival there. The members of the first session were Rev. Allen Jones, Moderator, and Elders Franklin Atwood, N. L. Brooks, and John Burgess. The organization was evidently effected in 1898. Mr. Cornelius Bare was the first deacon and served faithfully in this office until he moved his membership to Obids in 1908. In the minutes a record is made of Elder Calvin Severt being present. No record is found of the date of his ordination. He was active in the Sunday school and is the father of the Mr. Nelson Severt, a present-day Ebenezerite.

It wasn't smooth sailing at all. The organization grew in spite of opposition and

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blasphemous slander. It has been said that the church was built for a saloon. It grew in spite of the information abroad that all new members were taxed \$10.00 each and it was "allowed that it would break John Burgess up for so many of his people were joining."

Mr. Burgess says that it was reported in the community before his return from the first Presbytery that he attended that he had been ordained a preacher at a salary of \$40.00 per month. His comment is "And I have never gotten my money. According to that Presbytery owes me a great deal of money."

There was a period of several years when they had no preacher. It was probably during this time that "Preacher—tried to take it (the church) away from us. It is reported that they had gotten it. He held a meeting in it and tried to organize a Sunday school."

There were strenuous days when several of the flock went astray. Discipline was needed. The Moderator of the Session was then Rev. R. K. Mosley, a disciplinarian after the old school of John Calvin. In much of this work he had Rev. S. M. Rankin associated with him. There is a plain statement of the cases they handled. They were brave and never shirked in the face of duty.

Those pioneer Presbyterians of Ebenezer had to face much opposition in public sentiment. In some cases some members of a family joined the Presbyterian Church while others belonged to a different and sometimes hostile organization. The general sentiment in the Ebenezer country was that baptism by immersion was the only mode. "Some of them claim," says Mr. Burgess, "that sprinkling is no baptism at all. I used to think it myself. I think it is the only Scriptural way now. I studied baptism a good deal before I joined the church and was fully convinced, or I wouldn't have joined."

A more detailed history of the first members and their contributions would be interesting and profitable. Some of them have gone to receive their reward and their bodies rest in the well populated cemetery on the north side of the church. One of these who did noble work is Mrs. Cornelia Bare, who came in from the Primitive Baptist Church (and those people with their Calvinistic background make the best kind of Presbyterians,) and took such an active part in getting funds for the first paint. She was a Sunday school teacher and always a good, loyal member. Five of her children are members of the Ebenezer Church today—one of whom—D. C. Bare—is an elder. A Christian mother's influence goes a long way.

Another who has received his crown is Elder Franklin Atwood, who with his wife came from Alleghany county and were members of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. Mrs. Allie Atwood, his widow, the oldest living member, will soon be ninety-four years old. The influence of the Brooks, the Burgesses, the Bares, the Severts, the Atwoods, and others of those pioneer days can never be told.

Ebenezer Church has received in its history about seventy-five members. Of these many have been transferred to Peak Creek, some to Obids, and one to Jefferson. Her present membership is widely scattered and people in the far West can point to the little church on the ridge away



MRS. ALLIE (FRANKLIN) ATWOOD, 94  
Ebenezer's Oldest Member

back in Ashe County as the place where they came to the cross and felt the weight of their burden of sin lifted.

The old red-faced saint said further "I think it has been a great thing to me. There is no place I have enjoyed so much as the church."

Today Rev. E. Wayne Thompson is serving the church and its elders are D. C. Bare, N. L. Brooks, John Burgess, and George Farrington.

Old Mother Church, your history is glorious; your work has been great; your saints have been faithful. May your steeple ever point sinners to God. May your members always be witnessing for Him. May your standards always have the flag of Christ at full mast. May you so seek and so receive the Spirit's help that every year you can say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

## The First Presbyterian Sunday School in Ashe County

Ebenezer, the First Presbyterian Church in Ashe County was built in 1898 under the leadership of Rev. E. E. Gillespie.

It was in early June, 1898, that Allen Jones and W. A. Murray, two seminary students started to Ashe County to assist Rev. E. E. Gillespie. We were met at North Wilkesboro by Mr. Gillespie and his faithful horse "Bob." We were most hospitably entertained by the Finleys. Early the next morning we started up the Reddies River road via the "Jumping Off Place," and after nightfall reached Sol Cox's home on Nathan's Creek. Here we left Jones and I was taken to Mr. George Miller's to board, as my work was to be at Ebenezer.

The present church building was just about finished. In spite of the fact that Presbyterians were rather rare animals in Ashe County at that time, everywhere I went I was most cordially and kindly received, especially when it became known that I was not trying to proselyte, but to teach the children and adults the word of God.

After nearly 28 years only a few of the names remain in my memory. There was George Long and his mother at the store, near the church, Judd and Neilly Bare and their family of eight children, Calvin Severt and family, John Burgess and family, Walter Williamson and wife, Sheriff Tom Miller and "Aut" Verd, the Woodys from Peak Creek, Nathan Brooks and family. These and a few other families attended church there and most of these were in the Sunday school. Unless my memory is at fault we had an average attendance that first summer of over 50. I preached there almost every Sunday.

Rev. William Black held a week's meeting. While there were not many additions to the church, we believe many souls were born into the Kingdom as the result of his preaching.

Shortly after my arrival I heard this story: Before Ebenezer was finished, one Sunday afternoon a crowd of boys was in the church. One of them said that he was going to offer the first prayer in this new church. Suiting his actions to his words, he knelt down and began to pray an irreverent prayer. While he was kneeling a piece of scantling fell from somewhere in the roof, and struck him so that his back was hurt badly for the time being. I do not vouch for the truth of the story, but have told it as it was related to me.

Early in September I returned to Union  
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## How Protestant Mexicans Die

By Walter S. Scott  
In "Presbyterian Survey"

The first man I ever saw die was Gregorio Agnero, a member of our Mexican church at Uvalde, Texas. It was the dreadful T. B.

I arrived Saturday and found that he was sinking fast. My helper, Hernandez, and I went to visit him in the afternoon and were with him most of the night. We sang some hymns, read appropriate passages from God's Word and we had prayer. An hour or two after midnight I went out into the lot and found a place where I could lie down and sleep.

All Saturday afternoon and most of the night, a woman stood at the head of the bed watching the dying man. I was afraid she was waiting for an opportunity to get him to recant; but I learned that she was a sister of Gregorio's who had been told that Protestants died an awful death and that their tongues hung out of their mouths six or seven inches! She wanted to learn if it were true.

We were at his bedside again Sunday afternoon; we had sung comforting hymns, we had had prayer and read to him from that source of spiritual strength and comfort, the Bible; after a few minutes of silence he asked that we read more, and he preferred that we read from his own Bible which lay on the bed. The end came as I was reading to him; he breathed his last peacefully as if he had gone to sleep.

Hernandez and I knelt beside the bed and prayed during the spell of weeping, and then when the room was quiet again the sister said in a clear voice: "It is not true that Protestants die a horrible death. My brother's tongue did not hang out of his mouth. He died like a Christian!" The testimony of that sister accomplished as much in that community as any sermon we had ever preached there.

**He had died like a Christian; his last request was that the Word of God be read to him again.**

The next instance of how Protestant Mexicans die which we are to tell of took place in Uvalde also. It is the case of a man eighty-two years of age. Rather a remarkable personality; tall, large-limbed, broad-shouldered, well shaped head and good features. His senses were unimpaired and he could read small type easily without the aid of glasses. He was fond of reading good books, and read from his New Testament every day. He gave evidence of thorough conversion; as we are accustomed to say, "the root of the mat-

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ter was certainly in him." This was Martin Cosgallan. He lived but a year after we received him into our Uvalde Mexican Church.

He had been ill some days, and the time of his departure drew near; but apparently he was much improved the day he left us. Owing to this seeming recovery he had a number of visitors to see him that morning.

Our preacher, Hernandez, was sitting close to him. Hymns had been sung and prayers had been offered in his behalf. He lay quietly for a while, then indicated to the preacher that he wanted to sit up. Hernandez helped him into a sitting posture and kept his arm about his shoulders. The old Christian, realizing that death was near, felt moved to give those present some sound religious advice. It was a remarkable talk. He spoke distinctly and without hesitation, and his counsel was Scriptural and appropriate. Noticing the young people he spoke to them tenderly, with evident solicitude, giving them words of suitable advice. He urged upon all to be faithful and loyal to Christ and his Church, and bidding them all goodby, he lay down again, and as his head touched the pillow he breathed his last and went home to God. Though but a few months in our midst, he had won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Rafael Espinosa was a dear old soul; I loved him. He was a member of our church at Reedville, not far from San Marcos, and he lived more than seventy-five years of age. His old wife was also living.

Rafael was always happy; there was a sparkle in his eye, and a smile on his wrinkled face which bespoke genuine happiness. He was extremely poor, and bent with age, but he was always cheerful. He was fond of coming to Sunday school and church service; he invariably took a front seat, and when the Golden Text was called for, he would be the first to rise and recite it; he could not read, but he would be sure to know the text by heart every Sunday morning.

The Golden Text of the last lesson in the Sunday school before he was taken Home to God was: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

He became ill and was taken to San Marcos. A few days after, one of our

ing down close to his face, for he was lying. Mexican elders went to see him, and stooping on a pallet on the floor, he asked: "How are you, brother?" and the dear old Christian answered triumphantly, in the words of the last Golden Text which he had recited at Sunday school, "Faithful unto death." A few minutes later he expired.

The West Jefferson church is the recipient of a handsome gray portable piano. This was designed by Mr. A. E. Null, of the Stoneville Cabinet Co. The Company asked us to accept it with their compliments, which we very graciously do. It is a useful gift and one that we hope to use in the Master's service for years to come.

### The Ashe Presbyterian Only Ten Cents for One Year—

A near-sighted man accompanied his wife to a portrait gallery. "That's the ugliest portrait I've ever seen!" he cried, striving for a better view of the abomination.

"Come away, you silly—" replied his wife. "That's a mirror!" —The Baptist.

"Does your mother ever pay you any compliments?" said Sam to his pal, Alexander.

"Only in the winter time," replied the other. "When the fire gets low she says: 'Alexander, the grate.' " —Ex.

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**Mr. Edward S. Brown**

On Saturday, February 27th, Mr. Edward S. Brown passed into the eternal from the home of his daughter in Damascus, Va. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, on Sunday the 28th, at Smethport in the Methodist Church. Had he lived two days longer he would have been eighty years old. Interment followed in the cemetery above Smethport. His remains rest beside those of his wife, Mrs. Virginia Brown, who died in 1922.

Since July 19, 1900, Mr. Brown was a member of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.'"

On March 3rd, Mrs. J. C. Crawford was carried to the Wilkes Hospital at North Wilkesboro, where an operation for appendicitis immediately followed. We are happy to report that she is doing nicely and will soon be out of the hospital.

Mr. Jim Callaway, of St. John, Kansas, one of the first to join the Obids Presbyterian Church, and one of the faithful elders, has been on a visit of several months to relatives and friends in Ashe County and other places in the State. He is to return in March. It was a great treat to his friends to see him again. Hurry and come back, Brother Callaway.

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School was put in the budget for the current year for \$5.00. Several of our members have received an education there and one is there this year.

LANSING—Every Tuesday night there is a Bible Study at Lansing, where there is little or no prejudice. There are no denominational barriers. The result is that there is more than a hundred out on most of the nights. It is fine to see such an appreciative audience. The citizens of the town, the teachers and students of the school come out in numbers. The organ given to us by Miss Walker is a great boost to the worship in song.

After completing the "How We Got Our Bible" series there was a study on "Inspiration." Then the Sermon on the Mount was studied in a number of sermons. Following this we will study the Gospel of Luke.

BOWIE—There is preaching in the High School auditorium on second Sunday afternoons at 3:00 P. M. There is fine cooperation on the part of many of the people of the community.

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tributed to help feed and clothe and warm the soul.

Because of all of these gifts we have been enabled to be of so much more service to our County. It has been more and more a ministry of love to those who deserved it. A ministry to aspiring youth, a ministry to the needy. A ministry to the soul. To all of these benefactors we express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks. May the Lord bless all of you richly for your benevolent gifts.

One of the noteworthy gifts of the year is the donation of an organ by Miss Mary E. Walker, of Burlington. This is being used at Lansing. The organ was that of Miss Walker's mother. Miss Walker says "I feel that Mother would love to know that it is being used for a small part in Christ's work." If she could only come to our weekly services she would be delighted to know how many people sing to its music.

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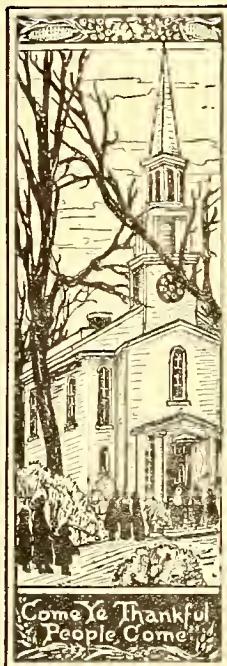
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## Four Christian Chautauquas For Ashe This Season

Christian Chautauqua season is here again, and a two months campaign has begun in Ashe county. On Monday, June 14, a fifteen day chautauqua began at Lansing and is now well along and growing in interest and attendance every day. Due to the delay in the arrival of the large new tent (which is the gift of the Synod's Home Mission Committee) the chautauqua is being conducted in the school building. The tent, however, has been shipped and will probably be "up" for Sunday's meetings. A splendid electric lighting system, the special gift of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, will also be installed within the next few days. A generous gift from Reynolda church will enable the Chautauqua management to secure right away several hundred chautauqua chairs. In fact, everything necessary for a successful season now seems assured.

The platform manager of this year's corps of workers is Mr. C. W. Williams, of Montgomery, Alabama, a senior at Davidson College, and a man of unusual qualifications for this interesting campaign. Mr. Williams will also have charge of the boys' work and the general athletics of the Chautauqua. He will lead the singing in these campaigns which we hope to make an outstanding feature.

Miss Myrtle Williamson, who has just begun her work as a young people's worker in Ashe County, will also be connected with the chautauqua for the summer. She has already given evidence of her splendid qualifications and has made scores of friends in the County. Miss Williamson will be one of the teachers in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Miss Ruth Erwin, of Clarksville, Georgia, another graduate of the General Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Virginia, is with us for the Chautauqua campaign. Miss Erwin is exceptionally qualified for young people's work, and has been eminently successful in previous campaigns. She and Miss Williamson both took a high stand in the Training school and come to us with highest recommendations for capable work.

Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Jr., of Winston-Salem, will be superintendent of the tent and lighting system and assist Mr. Williams in the boys' work. A fine young

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## Miss Myrtle Williamson Our Young People's Worker

"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it," (John 14:14) has been fulfilled again for us in the coming to our County of Miss Myrtle Williamson, of the Steele Creek church, near Charlotte. On June 1st, she entered upon her duties as Young People's and Sunday School Worker.

Her services are made possible for us by Presbytery's and Synod's Home Mission Committee and the Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro—these three but the greatest of these is the Auxiliary.

Miss Williamson is a graduate of Queens



College, Charlotte, where she was prominent in the literary, social and religious life of the campus. In May she graduated at the Assembly's Training School, Richmond. She was President of the Student Body, which is quite an honor. An additional honor is that she was one of the two writers of the commencement pageant which was presented by her class.

Along with these she has those lovable traits of character which make her ideal for the work before her. Rarely do you find a person with her consecration and vision. She is a natural leader and we predict for her popularity with young and old. One who knows her says that "she is one of the sweetest and most consecrated

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## Rev. Geo. W. Lee Visits the Death Row

On a beautiful Friday morning of this month a negro to die within a few minutes in the electric chair said "I am not afraid to die. God will save me."

These words were spoken by Fred Jones who had killed a citizen of Winston-Salem. The papers were glad to publish the fact of his death. But the secret of his serenity and of his assurance of salvation did not find a space in the metropolitan dailies. The thing of interest is not that Fred Jones died in the electric chair—but that he died in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Geo. W. Lee, pastor of the North Winston Presbyterian church, led this criminal to know the Saviour. In the jail in Winston-Salem Mr. Lee told this fellow of the love of Jesus. Several trips were made to Raleigh to see him. The prisoner was converted and none but Mr. Lee could baptize him. On the day before the last of Fred Jones' life, Mr. Lee made a special trip to the penitentiary to administer baptism and the Lord's supper. What a gracious privilege it would have been to have stood in that place of doom and death and heard Mr. Lee speak to the seven inmates in the death cells. And his theme was Jesus Christ—the Saviour of all who come unto Him. Then the prisoner was brought out of the cell and with the six others witnessing, the one to die on the morrow, was baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Following this the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was given to him and to the other Christians present—some were under the death sentence.

After this the negro spoke calmly of his passing and spoke with an assurance that is beautiful and touching. Nothing but the grace of God can bring peace to one under such trying circumstances.

A prison official says that there is no minister in North Carolina who has done what Mr. Lee has done in behalf of the prisoners of the State. Because he is such a lover of Christ he is a great lover of the unfortunate. He holds regular services in the jails of Winston. Many have been converted there and are consistent members of the church.

Another great field of the ministry of Mr. Lee is the hospitals, where he has led a great many to Christ. Perhaps there

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**Editorial**

The Spiritual Harvest is at hand. During the Summer and Fall months our revivals will be held. The Gospel will be preached and Jesus Christ the Saviour of sinners will be offered to every one. And what share are you going to have in the harvest of souls? Jesus Christ expects every follower of His to be a witness for Him. The other day an afflicted elder said that he could not attend services any more. But he can pray. As a Christian you can pray and you can do the hard thing—urge someone else to accept our Saviour.

We must not go to Jesus empty handed. If we have any religion we must share it with those who have it not. And as we work and pray we will grow in grace.

When the harvest is ended may there be many who have been led to Jesus through the work and prayers of those who are not ordained ministers of the Word. Prayer changes things. Jesus saves.

We have been blessed by having such friends. The Christian Chautauqua, so finely equipped in personnel and in material things is a gift to us. Many Greensboro friends have been added to our service in various ways. Many have subscribed to the Ashe Presbyterian.

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## Dr. H. S. Turner Will Hold Meeting in Jefferson

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Dr. Herbert S. Turner, of Staunton, Va., brother of Mr. E. C. Turner, Jr., will conduct the annual series of services in the Jefferson church. The meeting will begin on September 8th, at 7:30 p. m., and will continue through the 19th.

Dr. Turner is one of the best Hebrew scholars in the church and his messages are naturally from the Old Testament as well as from the New. A most hearty welcome will be given him as he unfolds the beauty of the Gospel of Grace and Salvation.

## Ashe Students are Leaders at Glade Valley

In response to an inquiry as to what the Ashe County students were doing at the Glade Valley School, the following letter was received from Professor E. B. Eldridge, Superintendent:

Glade Valley, N. C., June 9, 1926.

"In reply to your letter I wish to advise that you will find herein the averages of the following pupils: King Woody, 91.4; Pauline Jackson, 91.07; and Verdie Miller made the honor roll for one quarter 95.6, the average for year, 93.5. All three averaged a little more than the average high school pupil.

"The following pupils are from Ashe County. Probably you would like to know the names:

"Ruth Bowlin, Dymps Bowlin, Hazel Bare, Clyde Cox, Herman Hoppers, Mary Miller, Ethel Miller, Ruby Myers, Laurel Springs, King Woody, Verdie Miller, Laurel Springs; Faye Howell, Jefferson; Hicks Hill, Vince Waddell, Wayne Waddell, Scottsville; Pauline Jackson, Beaver Creek; Worth Shepherd, Geo. Shepherd, Flow.

### HONORS FOR ABOVE PUPILS

"Scholarship Medal to Ruth Bowlin; Declamation Medal, Wayne Waddell; Prize for neatness of room, Ted Tucker and Worth Shepherd; Clyde Cox received a Gold Medal for memory work in Bible, memorizing nearly four hundred verses. The following girls received a Book for completing a Reading Contest of five books: Verdie Miller, Mary Miller, and Hazel Bare. Mary Miller received a Bible for reciting the Shorter Catechism. Ruth Bowlin made the Honor Roll for one year, receiving Medal as above stated. The following made Honor Roll for one or more quarters: Mary Miller, Herman Hoppers and Verdie Miller. Worth Shepherd, Vince Waddell graduated.

"I think this fine for Ashe County pupils. I hope we will have more Ashe County boys and girls this year than ever before."

Glade Valley is a Standard High School in Alleghany County. "A Christian School for Boys and Girls Under Presbyterian Control." Its graduates are taking places of responsibility and leadership in various walks of life.

Miss Cleone Hobbs recently presented the Obids church with a handsome baptismal bowl. This is the only one of our churches that has one. We are very grateful to Miss Hobbs.

The ladies of the Auxiliary of the Jefferson church have purchased a handsome, sweet-toned Kimball piano for the church.

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ed girls I ever knew and her influence at the Training School was one that will not soon be forgotten." Another writes: "The finest of the Training School is coming to be your assistant."

During the clinic held at West Jefferson for the removal of tonsils and adenoids she was a valuable factor. Some of the little ones were kept waiting from early morning until in the afternoon, with nothing to eat and facing the dread of an operation. Miss Williamson brightened, lightened and lessened the hours by telling them stories. This is just one of the many things that she will do for service.

She is building up the West Jefferson Sunday school and adding interest. Every Sunday afternoon she will go to Ebenezer to teach there. The Christian Chautauqua claimed her for the teacher of the Beginner's Department.

It is our hope that from the two Jeffersons a Young People's Society will be organized. Later, some one unit courses of the Standard Teacher Training will be taught. Perhaps a new Auxiliary will be organized at West Jefferson.

With this outline of work that is being done and is to be done, it may be seen what a great blessing she is. She comes to us in answer to prayer. In looking over the files of the Ashe Presbyterian we find in Volume 1, Number 1, that a lay worker was one of our wants. The other wants have been given and now by the goodness of God through these interested agencies we have the worker.

Miss Williamson is living at the dormitory in West Jefferson.

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is no church in Winston of any denomination that has in its membership more nationalities than does Mr. Lee's. There are Swedes, Greeks, Chinese, Americans, and others worshipping God through Mr. Lee's ministry. His great purpose in life seems to be to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Long live Mr. Lee, and may he have the blessing of the Almighty Father to bring countless others to the throne of grace and receive pardon and salvation, and in the face of death will say, "I am not afraid to die. God will save me." What a Saviour we have!

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## Of Interest

At a beautiful church wedding in the Graham Presbyterian church, on June 10th, Miss Louise Cooper became the bride of our Mr. E. C. Turner, Jr. After a bridal tour to the coast and other places of interest, they will return to Jefferson. A multitude of friends in many States wish for them happiness to the Nth degree. And they will be given a most cordial welcome in the County.

Our young people have been graduating this year as follows: J. E. Foster received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the State College at Raleigh; Blanche Neal graduated at Stone-wall Jackson College, Abingdon, Va.; Lena Hash (for we claim her) graduated at the West Jefferson High School; Lillian Baker graduated at the High Point High School.

The West Jefferson Presbyterian church is on the Presbyterian Survey Honor Roll for the year 1926-'27 because of the fact that the magazine goes in each home of the church.

Rev. R. K. Moseley, who was an evangelist in Ashe County 1908-10, died recently. For a number of years he had been living in Oklahoma. He was seventy-five years of age and had had a long and fruitful ministry. His many friends in Ashe County will regret to know of his passing.

Another bright spot is the fact that the Sunday school at Ebenezer is being reorganized. Let us make it an "evergreen" one this time.

In 1886 and following "The Appalachian Philosopher," was published in Jefferson. It is a most interesting paper. The pictures given of that day are helpful. We copy from the issue of March 19, 1886:

"A. D. Cowles recently killed a bear near Gap Creek, Ashe County, N. C., with an axe, that weighed 400 pounds (Grayson Gazette.) That is the first time we have heard of it. It might have been a tame bear, though as Mr. Cowles keeps nearly everything at his store, and has quite a number of boarders."

Wouldn't you like to see that axe?

"Thanksgiving Day yesterday was not publicly observed in Jefferson. There were no services at the church." At that time there was only one church in Jefferson—the Methodist.

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man, whose parents are among the most loyal and capable workers in the Winston First church.

In addition to these workers, the campaign is to have the counsel and active support of Rev. R. H. Stone, Mrs. Stone, herself a graduate of the Assembly's Training School, Rev. Joe H. Carter, special Synodical evangelist, under whose supervision this chautauqua campaign is being conducted. Rev. E. Wayne Thompson not only is co-operating in this movement but will give it his service and counsel.

The chautauquas this summer are to run fifteen days in each community. The last week or ten days are to have in addition to the Bible School and other activities an evangelistic feature. The evangelistic meeting to be held under the tent in the evenings are to be held at each place.

**DATES AND PLACES OF CHAUTAUQUAS**

Lansing—June 14-27: Beginning Sunday afternoon June 20, at three o'clock the evangelistic meeting will begin. Rev. Joe H. Carter will conduct these services.

West Jefferson—June 30, July 13: This chautauqua will be held under the tent to be erected on the church lot recently purchased on Jefferson Avenue. A prominent minister of our church has been invited to conduct the evangelistic meetings.

Bowie—July 15-27: Full announcements as to features of this chautauqua will be given out later.

Peak Creek—July 30: Announcements as to special features of both these chau-

taquas will be published at a later date.

Every indication of general interest and splendid co-operation on the part of the communities where these campaigns are scheduled has been given, and we enter

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## Christian Chautauqua Has Successful Season in Ashe

The second Christian Chautauqua season in Ashe County has ended; the tent and its equipment have been stored away, the workers have gone to other tasks, and only in the hearts and lives of the people of Ashe can be found the effects of the summer's work. At the close of the season it is well to consider the purpose of the Chautauqua, the means of its support and the results of its work.

The purpose of the Christian Chautauqua in Ashe County is expressed in the motto that hung within the tent at each of its meetings: "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known." When Rev. J. H. Carter conceived the idea of the Christian Chautauqua, he set about combining into one program something of interest to every man, woman and child in any community, something which would lead to knowing Jesus Christ and to making Him known. As a result of this planning, there were four parts in the Chautauqua program: The Daily Vacation Bible School for young people of from four to sixteen years of age; the popular program for every one

which included community singing, lectures, stories for children, popular songs and various other entertaining features; the Bible classes for adults and the evangelistic services. In all of these Jesus Christ was presented as the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Bible school convened in the morning; the evening programs for the first week were divided into two parts: the popular program and the Bible classes; the evening sessions for the last week were given over to evangelistic preaching.

The Christian Chautauqua was made possible in Ashe County by the gifts of the Presbyterian Church. Synod's Home Mission Committee gave the large tent in which all of the services were held. The First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro,

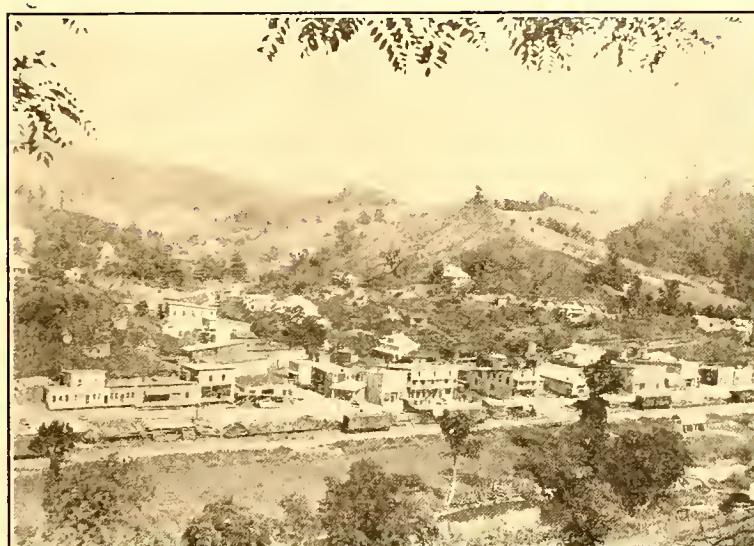
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## Christian Chautauqua Personnel

The Christian Chautauqua of the season of 1926 was an eminent success. There are many phases and factors and personalities which made this possible. May we see who they are?

In Zechariah 4:6 we read—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." With all reverence we head the list with the Holy Spirit, who is a Person with a personality. Lest there be an anti-climax we attribute the success to Him and to Him alone.

But there are human instruments He



The Growing, Co-operative Town of Lansing. Place of First Christian Chautauqua of 1926. Sixth Presbyterian Church of Ashe County organized September 26th.

used to make it a success. The platform manager was Mr. C. W. Williams, song leader and head of the Junior department. Mr. Williams is now a Senior at Davidson College. He was finely fitted for the work. His personality, voice, educational advantages, his cosmopolitan make-up, his interest in people and his love for the Master, make him a leader and an excellent personal worker. He did a never-to-be-forgotten work among us this summer.

Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Jr., of Winston-Salem, was the efficient tent superintendent. He made a great host of friends for the Chautauqua for all loved him. He was thoroughly interested in his work and gave a fine, unselfish service in many ways. It would be hard to think of a subject that "M. W." couldn't discuss. His knowl-

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## Presbyterian Church of Lansing—Outgrowth of Christian Chautauqua

Co-operation has ever been the word to describe the spirit of Lansing, and it is this word which should be used to describe the spirit of the coming together of a large audience of interested friends to witness the organization on September 26, of the Presbyterian church of Lansing. Under the supervision of men commissioned by Winston-Salem Presbytery, the church was organized with twenty-three charter members; a session, composed of three elders and two deacons, was elected and ordained; the rites of baptism were administered; the Lord's Supper celebrated and the organization sermon given and received.

The organization of the church resulted from many causes. The immediate cause was the Christian Chautauqua. During its session in Lansing, requests that a Presbyterian church be constituted, came from people of all denominations. When those who have the work in charge hesitated, the requests were repeated and added to by others, and when at the close of the Chautauqua twenty people

were received into the Presbyterian Church, a request was sent to Presbytery, which resulted in the appointing of the following ministers and elders constituting the commission to organize the church if the way be clear: Dr. D. Clay Lilly, of Winston-Salem; Rev. J. H. Carter, of Taylorsville; Rev. R. H. Stone, of Ashe County; Mr. M. W. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem; Mr. E. A. McNeill, of Jefferson and Mr. O. L. Naas, of West Jefferson.

The roots of the organization of the church, however, extend farther back than the Christian Chautauqua; they go back through more than a year of Mr. Stone's Bible Study services in the theater of Lansing, to the request which made those services possible. More than a year ago, Miss Ruth Patton, Misses Clara and Mattie

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### Editorial

This has been a great season in many respects. It has been great in evangelical preaching and personal evangelism. This year has seen a great many people make a confession of faith in Christ. This summer has been a great one for the growth of churches and the establishing of a fine, new one. It has been a most encouraging one because the Spirit of the Lord has been with us.

As we depended upon Him for strength and blessing so are we depending on Him for an increase of His work during the fall and winter months. No matter the weather—the work is going forward. And we are looking ahead for a great time next year when the tent is pitched again in the "Promise Land."

We are profoundly grateful to the First church in Greensboro, to the Auxiliary of the First church in Winston-Salem, to Synod's Committee, to the Reynolda Presbyterian church, to the Chautauqua workers, to Revs. J. H. Carter and E. N. Caldwell and a host of friends, who have made this great year possible.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. E. E. Gillespie and to Circle No. 1 of the First church, Greensboro, who have each put \$10.00 into financing THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN.

The Executive Board is very grateful to Miss Myrtle Williamson, who did so much of the work for this large edition of twelve pages. Four thousand copies are being printed.

So much of our church news is necessarily left out on account of lack of space. Look for it in the December issue.

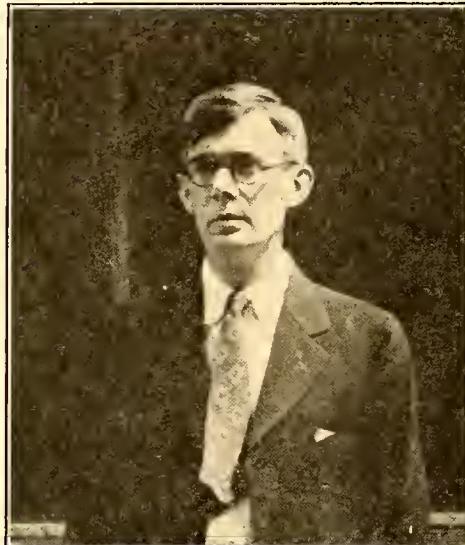
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### Rev. J. H. Carter

The one who co-ordinated Christian forces and secured and consolidated Christian gifts is the one who first conceived the idea of the Christian Chautauqua—Rev. J. H. Carter, an evangelist whose purpose it is "to introduce men and women to Jesus Christ."

In other columns his Chautauqua has been spoken of. Here we pay tribute to him as an evangelist. This has been a year of home runs. No doubt that Mr. Carter has knocked more home runs for Christ this season than has any other one who has preached in Ashe County. They have not won for him a diamond ring or a handsome bonus, but they have secured a pennant for his church and for him added jewels and lustre to his crown.

Mr. Carter is a well rounded man. He



REV. J. H. CARTER

has had the training of a lawyer in addition to having his degree from Davidson College and in being equipped for the ministry at Union Seminary. His contacts with life and with the world and his great general knowledge in many fields have given him a great human interest. He puts all of his being and gifts and accomplishments into the service of the Master. Wherever he went he was heard by great throngs who listened to the sweet Gospel story.

The people of Ashe are not slow to appreciate worth and character. There are scores in our county of all denominations and of no denomination who gladly acclaim him to be the best preacher that ever preached in Ashe. The great hills have been echoing his praises, as "Brother, I think that you are the greatest man America has produced." The other mountain speaks back "He is better than

Billy Sunday." And from another part of the county a great peak whispers "He is the best I ever heard." "I'd go a long ways to hear him preach."

And if these great highlands could really speak they could not keep their silence but would burst forth with many more sincere appreciations which they have heard.

Although Mr. Carter has accepted the call to the pastorate at Taylorsville, we are expecting him to be with us again next year.

### Rev. E. N. Caldwell

In previous years Ashe has been twice blessed by the fine ministry of Rev. E. N. Caldwell. Now he is in another Synod, but his great love for the eternal hills and his passion for preaching to souls in the County he loves brought him all the way from Richmond.

He gave us the most of his vacation and surrendered his plans for rest and reading to unselfishly preach the glorious gospel of redeeming grace. This he did at Ebenezer in his characteristic style of love and reason. As a result of his personality and preaching the personality and power of Christ were exhibited in such a way that some, to whom the Gospel had been often preached, without apparent effect, made a profession of faith. Great good was done because of his fine ministry.

Our people are by no means unanimous in their opinions as to who the greatest preacher is. Many say that Mr. Caldwell cannot be equalled.

### Jefferson Enjoys Dr. H. S. Turner

If you have never heard Rev. H. S. Turner, D. D., pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church, Staunton, Va., you have a treat ahead of you. For twelve days he conducted a series of services in the Jefferson church to the great delight of all who heard him. There were twenty-four sermons (one of which was at Ebenezer) that were full of thought, and Christ was in every one. An elder said there was a thrill in every sermon. The sermons were polished and contained many literary and historical allusions—but they abounded in Scripture. He is a real preacher.

As one listened to him and was swayed by the beauty and power and Christ-like-ness of the messages it was easy to imagine that one was listening to a Dr. Hodge or Dr. Strickler, Dr. Dabney, Dr. Thornwell, or some other leading light in the church.

This series of services will long be remembered as one of the best in the history of the Jefferson church.

## First Christian Chautauqua Characterized by Co-operation

The first session of the Christian Chautauqua for the summer of 1926, was held at Lansing from June 14, until June 29. The Daily Vacation Bible School, the get-together meetings and fun-nights, the lectures and Bible classes, and the evangelistic sessions were a success because of God's blessing upon the work and because of the hearty co-operation of the people of Lansing.

The Bible school began its first session at nine o'clock on the morning of June 14th. About fifty bright faced boys and girls, several interested parents and the workers who were to have charge of the Chautauqua met at the public school building for the first worship service; this was conducted by Rev. R. H. Stone, Presbyterian pastor in Ashe County. From the first day, there was an increasing interest shown. The removal on the third day from the school building to the large new tent pitched on a vacant lot near the center of town only added to their interest.

Attendance for three days constituted enrollment, in the three departments of the Beginners, the Primary and the Junior, there was a total enrollment of eighty-nine. Sixty-seven of the children came from Methodist and Baptist homes; twenty-two came from homes of non-Christians. There were no Presbyterian families in the community at that time.

The help of Miss Ruth Patton, of Misses Clara and Mattie Perkins and of many others in the community should be mentioned and cannot be overestimated. They did much to make the Chautauqua a success in every way.

The same spirit of interested helpfulness which was shown in the Bible school was manifested in the night service also. The attendance for the get-together meetings and fun night, for the lectures and Bible classes was unusually good. There were two Bible Classes; Miss Ervin gave a book-study of Genesis and Miss Williamson led a class in "How to Teach the Bible."

The evangelistic services began on the night of June 20. From the first, God's Spirit was distinctly felt. Rev. J. H. Carter gave with power, the messages

which were so well-received that the services were continued two days longer than had been planned. The outgrowth of the services was the constitution of the Presbyterian church of Lausing, with twenty members.

During the revival the Sunday afternoon service was in charge of Elkin's Billy Sunday Evangelistic Team, under the leadership of Dr. Abernathy. The earnestness, the consecration, the deep spirituality of these men made a deep impression upon all who heard them and did much to bring many to Christ.

On the closing night of the service the tent was visited by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Amid a profound silence, the Klan approached the pulpit, presented Mr. Carter and Mr. Stone with a handsome donation of gold, and then quietly and impressively filed out again into the



The Lausing Chautauqua Enrolled 89 in Three Departments

night. At twelve o'clock that night the tent was on its way to West Jefferson, where the second Chautauqua began the next day.

### Lansing School Principal Writes About Chautauqua

"I am trying to write my impressions of the Christian Chautauqua given by the Presbyterians at Lansing last June.

"The first week which was devoted to plays, Bible stories for the young people during the days and to Bible study at night for the interests of all who came, made lasting impressions on the community at large. Mr. Williams, Miss Williamson, and Miss Ervin so well organized the work of the first week, that Rev. Carter's

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Presbyterian Church of Lansing Outgrowth  
of Christian Chautauqua.

Perkins, and Mr. Roy Johnson came to Mr. Stoue with the request that a Bible study hour be held in Lansing each week. Since that time the interest has been steadily growing; and so the church really sprung from the request of these young people.

The spirit of co-operation which has ever been present was manifested again in the large, interested audience who came together on September 26, to take part in the two-hour service of organization and ordination. Every member of the Commission was present and each one had words of encouragement for the new church. Dr. Lilly's efficient managing of business, his cordial co-operation with the other members of the commission, his well-planned program, his deep earnestness and spirituality, his presentation of the mission of the church, his administration of the Lord's Supper, all won the hearts of the people and made the service very impressive and of great value. The words spoken by Rev. Messrs. Carter and Stone, and by the elders of the Commission, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of all who heard them. At the close of these talks, Dr. Lilly called to the platform Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Jr., whose earnest personal work during the Chautauqua had endeared him to all who came in contact with him. At Dr. Lilly's request that, as a boy who loved the Lord, he say a few words. A short talk was made which was char-

acterized by M. W.'s sincerity and earnestness. The sermon which followed these talks and the business of organization was given in Dr. Lilly's own clear, masterful style on the subject of "The Church." All who heard it were impressed and uplifted by it.

The following is the list of the charter members:

Daniel T. Jones, Elbert McCarter, Mrs. Mamie Carty, C. E. Carty, Ernestine Carty, Mrs. Edith Campbell, Mrs. James Campbell, James Campbell, Miss Stella Faw, Misses Esther and Virginia Gentry, Mrs. Ruth Sexton Eldreth, Mrs. J. M. Warren, Misses Mabel, May and Maxie Weaver, Mrs. Ella Weaver, James Ross Weaver, J. P. Sexton, Mrs. J. P. Sexton, Ruby Coldiron, James Wright, and Miss Blanche Goss.

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## West Jefferson Enjoys Its Second Season of Chautauqua

The first meeting of the Christian Chautauqua under the tent on June 30, marked the first service ever held in West Jefferson on Presbyterian-owned ground. The tent, pitched on the newly-purchased lot on Main Street, was the scene from June 30 until July 18 of the largest Chautauqua held during the summer.

The children from the town of Jefferson and West Jefferson, and from the surrounding communities made the total enrollment of the Daily Vacation Bible School number one hundred and fifty-three. It was good to see the cars, loaded with children, arrive each morning. There were four departments in the school: the Beginners, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Stone and Miss Louise Foster, of Jefferson; the Primary, under Miss Myrtle Williamson and Mrs. E. C. Turner, of West Jefferson; the Junior, with Mr. C. W. Williams leading; and the Intermediate under the direction of Miss Onie Ruth Ervin; Mrs. Turner had charge of the hand work for the older girls.

The school was unusually fortunate in the number of excellent speakers it was able to provide. Mr. Lester Seagraves, Cashier of the First National Bank, of West Jefferson, gave a talk on "Thrift." Dr. E. D. Jones, a prominent dentist, gave some valuable information on teeth. Rev. Mr. Stone told very interestingly "How We Got Our Bible." Judge T. J. Shaw and Hon. S. P. Graves spoke of "North Carolina Laws and Children." The closing talk of the service was made by Mr. E. C. Turner, the county demonstration agent, on "Bees and Their Habits."

The evangelistic services began with a series of talks by the Bible school workers on the Chautauqua motto: "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known," and on "The Gospel Plan of Salvation." The opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. C. Blackburn, pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. R. H. Stone, the Presbyterian pastor, preached the two following nights; the Methodist minister was out of town and so the Chautauqua was deprived of a sermon by him. Rev. J. H. Carter began a series of sermons on July 7, which continued until the close of the Chautauqua.

Mr. Carter was at his best in these sermons and Mr. Carter's best is hard to equal.

There is no way of estimating the helpful effect on the evangelistic services of the visits of two Billy Sunday Clubs on the two Sunday afternoons of the Chautauqua. Dr. Abernathy's team from Elkin and Mr. Walter Nadiug's team from Winston-Salem had charge of the services for the first and second Sundays respectively. The Chautauqua's debt to these men can only be paid in thanksgiving to God. The deep note of spirituality which they sounded continued throughout the services.

On the closing night of the services, there were several professions of faith, made by people who signified their desire to unite with the Baptist and Methodist churches; there were many who stated their decision not to let the matter rest



The West Jefferson Chautauqua enrolled 153 in Four Departments

but to decide in the near future whether or not they would accept Christ. There were five added to the Presbyterian Church by letter, and two by profession of faith and baptism. There are several who have expressed their desire to come in at the next service.

The Synod of North Carolina convenes on October 12 in the First Presbyterian church of Statesville. The local committee says they are expecting to have one of the largest and best Synods ever held in the State.

The following have been elected to attend from Ashe County: Jefferson—E. C. Turner, Delegate; A. R. Vail, Alternate; West Jefferson—O. L. Naas, Delegate; Obids—Jesse Baker, Delegate; J. C. Crawford, Alternate. The Lansing session will be organized before the meeting and will elect a delegate.

## Gift from Winston-Salem

When the Chautauqua began at Lansing we were expecting it to be lighted with electricity. A Fairbanks-Morse lighting plant was purchased by the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, of Winston-Salem. Weeks passed and the plant hadn't arrived, for part of it was being shipped from New York.

One day one of the benevolent ladies, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, visited her son, during the West Jefferson Chautauqua. She saw how well lighted the tent was. Then Mrs. Norfleet began to inquire if the lot on which the tent was had been paid for. She proposed to cancel the order for the

lighting plant since the agent had not fulfilled his part of the contract and give that money to the West Jefferson Church.

Mrs. Norfleet returned to Winston, and it was not long before Mrs. Hamner sent us a lovely blue check for \$300.00. And how grateful we were, are, and will be! How in our souls and audibly some of us sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" Our gratitude to the ladies of Winston First, will be abiding. This gift was a great lift and went a long ways in cancelling a note for our lot.

## Chautauqua Booster

We had expected to print an enthusiastic statement from Capt. G. B. Doggett, of West Jefferson. But he didn't find time to put it in writing before we had to go to press.

Mr. Doggett once said: "You may write all the good things about it you want, and I will sign it."

Mr. Doggett, a leading Ashe County Baptist, co-operated with the Chautauqua in a wholehearted way. He is almost extravagant in his praise of the work of the Chautauqua. We regret that we do not have his letter.

A prominent lady of the Methodist church said: "My children learned more about the Bible in these two weeks than they have learned in the Sunday school in a year."

## Gifts For West Jefferson Church

To say that good people have been good to us in the building of our temporary church at West Jefferson doesn't begin to say it.

A gentleman who attends church and Sunday school and whose family is closely identified with the church, said one day, "If you will build a temporary church there I will give the rough lumber." Here was the spark that made the inspiration.

This was told to Mr. T. P. Tudor, who said he would give the flooring. Two of our good Baptist friends heard of what was going on and Mr. J. W. Gambill volunteered to give the roofing, and Mr. B. D. Barr said, "I have the siding I'll give you." We were going good! A lady from Georgia said that she wanted to give something definite and decided on the window frames. Mr. O. L. Naas gave the nails and a lot of labor and advice. Miss Laura Williamson, of Charlotte, gave the windows. Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Jr., gave wiring and material. Methodists and Baptists helped us to do the actual construction. Messrs. Naas and Ruliffson came down one afternoon with the fine corps of men who operate the Soapstone plant and all worked like Trojans. Sharing in this were the force of good fellows who work for Messrs. Barr and Bowie on their lumber yard, together with representatives from the various construction companies.

The church put in about ten dollars and the Sunday school an equal amount. The following have given checks: Mr. W. J. Price, \$10.00; Mr. E. A. McNeill, \$10.00; C. R. Jackson, \$3.00; Mrs. T. C. Bowie, \$10.00; and Mr. C. D. Scott, \$1.00.

A great many friends came in and worked gratis the hottest hours of July to make this building possible. Mr. John S. Cameron, of Charlotte, donated the painting of the sign on the front.

We are greatly indebted to all who made this building possible. And had it not been for these gifts of lumber, labor, material and money—all gifts of love—we do not know where we would be worshiping today.

A church in four days! Later it was painted. We owe only about \$56.24. Such hasn't been done in Ashe before.

Are you more loyal to your political party or your social circle than you are to the Kingdom of Christ? Some people are.

## Temporary Church Erected at West Jefferson

The building of the temporary church at West Jefferson was another illustration of the little sermon in rhyme, "They said it couldn't be done, but he did it."

Since the purchasing of the lot on Jefferson Avenue, there have been those who have dreamed of a building in which services could be held within Presbyterian-owned walls. And there were those who did more than dream; there were those who worked and prayed and planned. The chiefest of these dreamers and workers and prayers and planners was the minister, Mr. R. H. Stone. On the closing night of the Chautauqua on July 18, he had ready a list of materials promised by men and women of the town which he showed to the members of the church; the congregation gave him all authority to proceed as he thought best.



WEST JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

When the announcement was made from the platform of the tent that services would be held the following Sunday in a building which would be erected where the tent stood, one could almost feel the thought that arose from the minds of the audience, "It can't be done." On Wednesday morning when Messrs. Thos. Campbell, W. M. Huddler, R. H. Stone and Donald Naas began the first work of laying the foundations, there were those who said, "If you hold services there on Sunday, you break the laws of the Sabbath in finishing it." Throughout the days, as more volunteer workmen appeared and reared the building nearer and nearer to completion, there were constant doubters who said it couldn't be done. When Saturday's twilight fell, the building was up, the doors and windows and the chairs, so kindly loaned by Mr. P. T. McNeill, were all in; but the lights were not. Mr. Stone, Mr. O. L. Naas, and M. W. Norfleet, Jr., worked until far in the night wiring the building. On Sunday, July 25, two ser-

## Dreams for Future

God has been good in allowing us to dream dreams and has not allowed them to prove mere bubbles or aircastles. He has helped us to build foundations under them.

As we speak to you of our dreams of the future it is only through humble reliance upon "The Giver of every good and perfect gift" that we expect to see them come true. In the bygone our beloved Mrs. Foster dreamed of the coming of one church. She dreamed of expansion. She saw her dreams fulfilled. Today, we are dreaming.

Dreaming of what we want to happen when, as the old Hebrew would say, "the kings go forth to war," as the contractors say, "when poured concrete doesn't freeze," let us say, "when the robins begin to build." Yes, we are dreaming of that time when the foundations shall be dug for two Presbyterian churches—one at West Jefferson and the other at Lansing. Our dream churches are churches for the future. Churches that provide for an adequately equipped Sunday school. Churches that are structures of beauty. Churches that are the best church plants in the County. Churches that challenge great sections. Churches, whose pastors preach Christ and whose people are daily witnessing for Him. Churches radiating spirituality and bringing people into the fold.

Mr. Henry Belk, of Charlotte, of the mighty firm of Belk Brothers, whose chain stores are famous, has promised half of the cost of the brick for the West Jefferson church. A magnanimous offer.

Our building plans for the two dream churches will cost about \$30,000. We need your help. Will you not dream with us? Whatever amount you may send will be greatly appreciated. If you want to help the West Jefferson church, send your gifts to T. P. Tudor, Treasurer, West Jefferson, N. C. If you dream in terms of Lansing, send to C. E. Carty, Lansing, N. C.

Make our souls merry. Cause us to sing more Doxologies.

Services were held in the building which had been completed in four days.

"They said it couldn't be done, but he did it." The little building, which was later painted white with blue letters above the door which tell the passers-by that it is "West Jefferson Presbyterian Church," stands as a monument to the work that Mr. R. H. Stone is daily doing. Some one expressed it this way, "Nobody but Mr. Stone could have built that church in four days, for no one but Mr. Stone would have believed that it could be done." It is typical of his work in Ashe County that he attempts the impossible and does it by the power of Him to whom nothing is impossible.

## Bowie Chautauqua Great Success in Spite of Rains

From July 19 until July 31, the people of Bowie gathered twice daily for the meetings of the Christian Chautauqua. Even a week of the pouring mid-summer rains did not prevent a large audience from coming together for the Bible school and for the evening programs. When the tent seemed uncomfortable because of the continued down-pour, the station-master allowed the school to hold its session in the depot, and the Methodist church opened her doors for the revival services. So in spite of the inclement weather, the third session of the Christian Chautauqua received from the people at Bowie an interested co-operation and attendance such as is second to none in the record for the summer.

The three departments of the Bible School has an enrollment of eighty-two young people, thirty-seven of whom came from Baptist homes; forty-one from Methodist; one from a Presbyterian home and three from non-Christians.

The unusually large number of unusually fine young people was one of the distinctive features of this Chautauqua. The hand-work display was a cause for much interest; the aprons, sewing bags, handkerchiefs, etc., which were made by the girls; the sand-table, periscopes, by the boys, and the toys fashioned by the little children were a manifestation of the interest and ability of the students in the various departments.

The evening program and Bible classes were entered into with the same fine spirit. The attendance on the Bible classes averaged almost eighty. The evening program and the evangelistic services were both made more enjoyable and beneficial by the hearty and harmonious community singing; the people of Bowie sing, they enjoy singing and their singing was one of the most enjoyable parts of the Chautauqua.

The power with which Rev. J. H. Carter, of Elkin, preached the gospel was distinctly felt to be the power of God. In spite of rain, in spite of bad roads, night after night a large congregation listened to the messages from the Book and went away nearer to God than they had come.

Dr. Abernathy's Elkin Billy Sunday Club

## Leading Methodist Praises Chautauqua

"I know that I voice the sentiments of the citizens of Bowie and community when I say that the Christian Chautauqua was one of the greatest factors for good that this community has had in a long time. It reached a class of young people as a whole who do not all attend Sunday school or preaching and who got good ideas of the Bible and the Blessed Savior which they would not have gotten in years.

"I wish to express my great faith in the ones who were connected with the Christian Chautauqua and I can say that the Chautauqua was a great service at Bowie. I am confident that the good seed sown at the Christian Chautauqua had a great influence in the great revival meet-



The Bowie Chautauqua Enrolled 82 in Three Departments

ing held in Calvary Methodist church at Bowie recently, where twenty-five were converted and professed Christ. "Good seed sown shall not return unto me void."

"I say for myself and the community at large that we want the Christian Chautauqua to come back to Bowie next year and we will be greatly disappointed if it does not come.

"Sincerely yours,  
JOHN A. MORETZ."

Fleetwood, N. C.

came for the Sunday afternoon session and made the service as effective as they had on other occasions. No greater praise than that could be given; the service was blessed because of their coming.

## Potato Rows

The ladies of our churches were asked earlier in the year to see that a row of potatoes and a row of something else be grown for our Barium folks. We trust that our Father has greatly blessed those rows.

On Thanksgiving Day we want to assemble the product of those rows together with other things you might want to send to the Presbyterian Orphans' Home. We hope to secure some fine speaker who will thrill us with God's Grace. And you will be given an opportunity to give thanks. The place of meeting will be announced later. Keep that date open for a big, union Thanksgiving Service.

## Note of Appreciation

To the People of Ashe County:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the good people of Ashe County for your kindness to us during our visit in your communities this summer. Being in your homes, worshipping with you at the tent, receiving countless courtesies from you. All of these caused us to go away feeling that we had gained real friends in each community in which the Chautauqua was held. As we separate to go to our various tasks, we want to tell you that we thank you, that we count you as our friends, and that our prayers are with you as we hope yours are with us.

ONIE RUTH ERWIN,  
MYRTLE WILLIAMSON,  
CLANTON WILLIAMS,  
M. W. NORFLEET, Jr.

## Rally Day Plans

Plans for making October 3rd a record-breaking Rally Day in Ashe County are well under way. Jefferson, West Jefferson, Lansing and Ebenezer Sunday schools are at work on their Rally Day programs. In all of these, the program sent out from the Committee of Publication is to be used and efforts are being made to insure a record-breaking attendance and a worthwhile offering which will go to Sunday School Extension work.

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For One Year—**

## Ebenezer is Scene of Closing Chautauqua for Season

In spite of the fact that the tent had been pitched for the Christian Chautauqua at Ebenezer before the news that it was coming had reached the farthest boundaries of that community, the last of the series of the Chautauqua for 1926 has been voted a success by the people of that community and by those who had the work in charge. The original program for the Chautauqua did not include Ebenezer. The closing session was to have been at Glade Valley in Alleghany County, but an epidemic of whooping cough so diminished the attendance of the Bible school that it was decided to discontinue the services and return to Ashe County. And so with almost no advance advertising the Chautauqua came to Ebenezer. The prompt cooperation of the people enabled the workers to go ahead almost as smoothly as if all plans had been made weeks before.

The enrollment of the school numbered eighty. The majority of the children came either from Presbyterian or Primitive Baptist homes, as there is neither a Missionary Baptist nor a Methodist church in the community. There were three departments in the school and its ten-day sessions seemed a big success.

The evening programs and Bible Classes were unusually well attended in consideration of the fact of publicity. The tent was well filled for the evening program and the attendance on the Bible classes averaged more than sixty.

Rev. E. N. Caldwell, pastor of the Grove Avenue Presbyterian church in Richmond, conducted the evangelistic services. This spirit of prayer, his earnestness and his dependence upon God, combined with his love for people and his ready flow of language, made the sermons well received and the services a success. Two girls came into membership of the Ebenezer church, and many expressed their desire to learn more of the way of Life.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Caldwell, Miss Lettie Caldwell, and Mr. Joe Caldwell; of Safford, Florida, spent some time in Jefferson in September.

Mr. Caldwell is a great grandson of Dr. David Caldwell, of pioneer Presbyterian fame. He is an elder and a prominent churchman in Florida.

## Presbyterian Patriarch Writes of Chautauqua

"Your letter to hand, will say that I enjoyed the Christian Chautauqua very much and I think it is a great thing. The children here enjoyed it, and in fact, everybody I have talked with seems to think it is a great thing.

(Signed) JOHN BURGESS."

(Mr. Burgess was the first citizen of Ashe County to join the Presbyterian church. He has always been faithful and true to his Lord and to his church—Ebenezer—and is greatly loved and respected by all.—Editor.)

### For the Ladies

Of interest to every woman in Ashe County should be the news of the Group Conference to be held in West Jefferson



Two Classes of Ebenezer Sunday School on a Chautauqua Sunday

on Thursday, October 21, at which time the women of Ashe and of Alleghany are invited to come together for an all-day discussion of our various phases of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. O. L. Naas, of West Jefferson, chairman of the committee of arrangements; Mrs. Theo. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, are in charge of the program. The service will be held in West Jefferson Presbyterian church. The ladies are requested to bring box-lunches which will be served picnic style at the home of Mrs. E. C. Turner.

Mrs. Norfleet, who is Syuodical President, and Mrs. Finley, who is chairman of Extension work in Winston-Salem Presbyterian, are expected to remain over for a day with a view to organizing Woman's Auxiliaries in the churches at West Jefferson and Lansing.

## Ebenezer's Sunday School Activities

This church has the largest Presbyterian Sunday school in the County. And it is going to be an evergreen one, too. There has been a fine average all the summer since the organization.

The attendance has been so large that some new Sunday school rooms are going to be added to the rear. The annex will be 23x35 feet and will have three class rooms. We hope to equip these with some modern Sunday school facilities.

## Rev. E. W. Thompson Resigns

Rev. E. W. Thompson, who has been serving Ebenezer and Peak Creek churches, has resigned his work. Presbytery has granted him permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the Spring meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will spend the fall and winter at their fine home in Maryland.

Before going Mr. Thompson has made the Peak Creek church one of the most attractive churches in the country. It is nicely painted inside and out. Mr. Thompson, assisted by Rev. John D. Smith, of Pilot Mountain, conducted a series of services there. We hope to report the result in the next issue.

Mr. Thompson has made and leaves a host of friends in Ashe County who wish for him a happy time in Maryland, and a speedy return to our own native hills.

The Glade Valley School has the largest number of resident students that it has ever had. A new course has been added and has been drawing new students. It includes shorthand, typewriting, commercial arithmetic, etc.

A good many students are doing good work and think that there is no place like Glade Valley School.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church of High Point is supporting an Ashe student over there. Otherwise this student would not be in High School. This is the second year this student has enjoyed and has been benefitted by this privilege generously given by these elect ladies.

# The Presbyterian Church and the Nation.

BY REV. CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY, D. D.,

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(This address was delivered June 1, 1926, before the 138th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., meeting in Baltimore, Md.—Editorial.)

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, a nick of time. We perceive it now before us. To hesitate is to court to our own slavery \* \* For my own part, of property I have some, of reputation more. That reputation is staked, that property is pledged, on the issue of this contest; and although these grey hairs must soon descend into the sepulchre, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this crisis the sacred cause of my country."

These words, spoken by John Witherspoon in the Continental Congress before he affixed his signature to the Declaration of Independence, voiced the sentiment of all Presbyterian ministers when the struggle for independence commenced. The clergy of the Episcopal Church naturally sided with the Crown and, with a few notable exceptions, such as Bishop White, were adherents of England. Of the six Wesleyan ministers in the colonies, all but Asbury returned to England and shared Wesley's views concerning the revolt of the colonies. But we know of just one Presbyterian minister who either prayed or fought for the British cause, and he was suspended by the Synod of New Jersey. The Tory rector of Trinity Church, New York, Dr. Ingles, wrote in 1776: "I do not know one Presbyterian minister, nor have I been able after strict inquiry to hear of any who did not, by preaching and every effort in their power promote all the measures of the Continental Congress, however extravagant."

This unanimous support of the Revolution had some relationship, no doubt, to the Presbyterians' dread of the Established Church. The Presbyterians who had come to the Colonies were the natural inheritors of a conflict with King and Crown. King James I, at the time of his struggle with the Presbyterians, declared that "a Scottish Presbytery agreeth with the monarchy as God with the devil." The Presbyterians of the new world seem to have lived up to this reputation and rejoiced when the hour for combat struck. The part our Presbyterian forefathers took in the deliberations of the council chamber, and in the operations in the field was not exaggerated by Horace Walpole when he said in the House of Commons: "There is no good in crying about the matter. America has run off with a Presbyterian

parson, and that is the end of it."

Were not the book of history, wherein are inscribed the mighty acts of Calvinists, open before us, it might be thought that Calvinism, with its doctrine of predestination, would have a restraining effect upon political revolt, and influence men to acquiesce in tyrannical government as their appointed lot. But practically it has had the very opposite effect. The effect of Calvinism, wherever it has taken root, has been the establishment of free representative government and the liberation of men. Wherever the Calvinists have gone they have been the relentless foes of ignorance, superstition and despotism.

In the words of Froude's tribute: "It (Calvinism) has been able to inspire the bravest efforts ever made by man to break the yoke of unjust authority. When all else has failed; when patriotism has covered its face, and human courage has broken down; when intellect has yielded with a smile or a sigh; when emotion and sentiment have become the handmaids of superstition, and have dreamt themselves into forgetfulness that there was any difference between truth and lies, the slavish form of belief called Calvinism has borne an inflexible front to illusion and mendacity, and has preferred rather to be ground to powder like flint than to bend before violence, or melt under enervating temptation."

Since two-thirds of the three million inhabitants in the Colonies at the outbreak of the Revolution were Calvinists, and nearly one-third of Scotch and Scotch-Irish descent, we may say in truth that the establishment of the American Republic was a great achievement of Calvinism. That must have been what Rauke meant when he said that John Calvin was the virtual founder of America.

Presbyterianism has profoundly influenced the nation because of the great ideas back of it. Presbyterians put the iron of Calvinism into our nation's life so successfully that the deluge of foreign races and ideals and religions has not yet been able to obliterate the traces of the handiwork of men who "abhorred as no body of men ever abhorred all conscious mendacity, all impurity, all moral wrong of every kind, so far as they could recognize it."

It would be impossible to overestimate the deep impress of Presbyterianism upon American life. The makers of the nation were Calvinists. An index to that influence is the roll call of the Presidents of the United States showing that of thirty presidents, nine of them, including two Presidents of the Dutch Reformed Church, were Presbyterian

in adherence, descent or church membership. These are Jackson, Polk, Van Buren, Buchanan, Lincoln, Cleveland, Harrison, Roosevelt, Wilson. A roll call of the Justices of the Supreme Court, United States Senators and Governors of the commonwealth would show in like striking manner the deep mark which Calvinism has scored on our national life.

In the great crisis of the American Civil War Presbyterians were arrayed against Presbyterians. The sons of the Presbyterians of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, of Virginia and the Carolinas, who fought the Revolution through to a successful issue, now found themselves in mortal combat. One reason that the Civil War lasted so long was because on both sides there were so many Presbyterian statesmen, generals and privates in the ranks. The part that the Presbyterian Church played in the final issue is best described in the words of the Hon. James S. Cortham, of South Carolina, who speaking at the Centennial Assembly of 1888, said: "It cannot be denied that its bloody issue was in large part determined by the stern and violent patriotism of the Presbyterians of the prevailing section."

There are two monuments on battlefields of the Civil War which tell the story of Presbyterian fortitude on either side. The one I saw on a summer's day in a quiet grove of trees at Appomattox Court House, where the curtain fell on the Confederacy. The monument is to the memory of North Carolina troops, descendants of the Presbyterians of Cowpens and King's Mountain. It bears this inscription:

"First at Bethel. Farthest to the Front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga. Last at Appomattox. 5,012 North Carolinians paroled at Appomattox. Military population, 115,359. Troops furnished, 127,000."

The other monument I saw on an August afternoon on the banks of the little Antietam, where an atonement of blood was made for the sins of the guilty nation. It is a monument to the famous Roundhead regiment, made up of psalm-singing Presbyterians from Western Pennsylvania. With his rifle across his shoulder, his back to the Antietam, his brow high and lifted up, that bronze figure of the roundhead sums up and symbolizes that moral earnestness and faith in God which fought the Civil War to a successful issue. \*

A State is greatly influenced by its schools and colleges. Next to the moral earnestness which Presbyterianism gave to our national life, the American nation is indebted to the Presbyterian Church for the way in which it has trimmed the lamp of learning. Like the Calvinists who founded Harvard University, the Presbyterians of our pioneer days feared to leave to the Church an illiterate ministry. Therefore they founded their academies and colleges, and when they went into the wilderness carried with them not only the axe and the rifle, but the spelling book and the Latin grammar. The schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church have blazed a trail of knowledge and light from the Pennsylvania forests to the waves of the Pacific. This emphasis upon education has not only furnished leaders for the State, but it has preserved the Church from superstition and bigotry. The Presbyterian Church never

"Dreads the skeptic's puny hands,  
While near her school the church spire stands;  
Nor fears the blinded bigot's rule,  
While near her church spire stands a school."

But the great service of a Church to a nation is not its witness in council or battlefield, nor its contribution to education but what it does for moral and spiritual life of the people. The greatest event religious history of America was the Great Awakening of the middle of the eighteenth century and the Great Revival of the first decade of the nineteenth century. The nation still draws on the immense spiritual capital which was stored up in those outpourings of Divine grace. The peril of the Calvinistic Churches has always been a drift towards formalism and Unitarianism. The Great Awakening and the Great Revival saved our Churches from such a fate. The Great Awakening began in 1728 and its flames burned until 1744. Jonathan Edwards and the Tennessees and Whitefield were sons of thunder in that mighty shaking. It split churches, as did the later revival, but it left behind it, as did the second revival, something more important than organic unity—a love for Christ and consuming zeal for His kingdom.

At the opening of the nineteenth century religious life was at a low ebb in the new nation. The

struggle with the forces of nature was turning men's thoughts away from the super-natural. The labor for the bread which perisheth was making men forget the Bread of Life. French rationalism and infidelity were rampant in the land. The Legislature of one of the States, Kentucky, had abolished prayer to Almighty God. The reports of our own Assemblies and of other Church convocations reveal a deep anxiety for the spiritual condition of the nation and the Church. Ministers confessed that their hearts were dry as Gilboa and the resources of their minds exhausted.

Then, in the solitudes of Kentucky, in the hills of Western Pennsylvania, and in the mountains of Virginia and Carolina, there suddenly burst forth the flames of the Great Revival. The preaching of the Word was with power and the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Ordained ministers could not satisfy the hunger for the Word, and illiterate frontiersmen, and little children lifted upon men's shoulders, preached to wondering thousands. In every town and settlement sinners were convicted and called upon God for mercy. Thousands fell to the ground in the camp meetings or in the fields and highways as if they had been felled by some awful unseen Hand. The churches were not sufficient for the multitudes, and the throngs resorted to the wilderness where the leaves of the forest shook with their fervent psalmody and sons of thunder called upon men to repent and make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

Ere long the flames began to subside. But a mighty work had been done, never to be undone. The nation was saved from barbarism and irreligion, and the Church from apostasy and unbelief. Instead of a godless, materialistic civilization being built up in the east and southwest, there was founded a civilization which, with all its crudities and shortcomings, was rich in the fear of God, the only solid foundation of those nations which endure. Those great movements of grace gave the Churches the study of the Bible, the prayer meeting and the evangelistic meetings. There was born the missionary movement, the agitation against slavery, and the temperance reform. "It wrought in fact a social revolution, whose extent is hidden from us by the fact that we have always lived among its results and do not realize with what a price they were bought for us."

These are some of the achievements of the past. But, however pleasant it may be, we must not sit too long beneath the shade of our genealogical tree and rejoice in the work of our Church. We must gird up our loins for the task of tomorrow. If the nation needed the Presbyterian Church in the days of Revolution, in the great movement towards the west in the nineteenth century, and in the throes of fratricidal strife, none the less does it need our Church today, when prosperity has dulled the soul and dimmed the eye of the people, when a flood of those who know not our speech or our faith is sweeping into the remotest corners of the land and the moral standards of the Christian religion are openly violated and flouted.

One hundred and fifty years of Presbyterianism in the nation are worth commemorating today because the Presbyterian Church of the past was a Church which believed that the Bible was the Word of God and was not afraid to say so to all men; a Church which knew the difference between the Gospel of redeeming grace and "another gospel which is not another;" a Church which has ever been quick to detect the poison of Satan when disguised in the sweet syrup of some alleged reinterpretation or hypothesis, and fearless to spew it out; a Church whose children were trained at a family altar and which remembered the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Let the Presbyterian Church depart from these grand truths and sacred customs, and one hundred and fifty years hence its tercentenary will not be worth commemorating. But let it abide true and faithful to Christ and the Scriptures, let it stand as a Church which witnesses to the everlasting Gospel of redeeming love, and one hundred and fifty years hence they who stand in our place to tell the story of the Presbyterian Church and the nation will have a story to tell, not less, but more glorious than that which we try to tell today.

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**CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN ASHE**

contributed the salary for some of the workers; the gifts from this church amounted to \$800.00. The Presbyterian Committee of Publication, through its Sunday School Extension Department joined in furnishing one worker. One of the helpers gave his time for the whole summer without cost. Evangelistic Clubs from Elkin and Winston-Salem gave freely of their time and of themselves in promoting the cause of Christ. The communities in which the servies were held provided for the expenses of the workers and of transporting the tent to the community. Rev. R. H. Stoue and Rev. J. H. Carter and the other workers in the Chautauqua were very earnest in their efforts to serve. The Reynolda Presbyterian church gave \$150 for Chautauqua chairs.

As it is always, in the Kingdom of God, the results of the Christian Chautauqua cannot be told in actual figures; more than two thousand individuals have had presented to them the Father and the Saviour of man-kind; and not until all things are revealed can we estimate the effect upon the hearts and minds of the little children, of the boys and girls, and of the men and women who worshipped together under the tent of the Christian Chautauqua. Sufficient it is to say that many have accepted Christ as their Saviour, that many have re-consecrated their lives, that many have seen Christ and found Him attentive even though they have not surrendered to Him, and that twenty-three have united themselves into a new church with a flourishing Sunday school and other activities which are touching the lives of the whole community. Someday, when all things are made clear, the results of the Christian Chautauqua in Ashe County shall be given by Him for whom all the work was done.

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CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA PERSONNEL  
edge of men and affairs is remarkable for a yonth of sixteen. He rendered a service that is unique. He is thorongly consecrated and is a fine personal evangelist.

Miss Onie Ruth Ervin, who on October 2nd, becomes Mrs. Sterling L. Hunter, was a great personality. She furnished the music, many of the vocal numbers, enthusiasm and pep, and a great part of the consecrated service. She, too, was equipped in a most excellent way for leadership. Flora MacDonald College and Assembly's Training School are both proud of her as a graduate. She was a teacher of the Primaries and of one of the Bible classes. She is a lady of charm and talent who uses her gifts for her Master.

The balance wheel of the personnel was our own Miss Myrtle Williamson, of West Jefferson. We spoke highly of her in our last issue. The half has never yet been told. We had not seen her in action. She is endowed with many Christian graces and tact and wisdom. She, too, has fine educational equipment and mental endowments. Her work was head of the Beginner's department and a teacher of one of the Bible Classes and she did a remarkable work in leading people to Christ. She is deeply consecrated and her life is one that is Spirit-filled and Spirit-guided. Too much praise cannot be heaped upon her. Miss Williamson's life and testimony have led and are leading souls to know Him.

We were most happy in having this excellent corps of workers, who, following in His steps, constituted the personnel of the Chautauqua, whose aim was to "Know Christ and to make Him Known."

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LANSING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WRITES  
ABOUT CHAUTAUQUA

coming for a series of sermons was the more effectively made a thrill to the people for a revival. The revival lasted about eight days. Each message was so charged with the power of the gospel that the thrill was carried to the tip top before the closing service. Scores of persons hit the sawdust trail and went away for Christ because they were enabled to think of Him as never before.

"All churches in the Lansing Community have shared in the wonderful results of this meeting. More enthusiastic efforts for Christ are being put forth each week because the thrill is a living one. Everyone is able to realize that after any church has done all for Christ that it can, there will yet remain enough for all the other churches to be kept busy. This spirit of unity, we believe, will continue to develop a greater spirit of loyalty to the work of the churches. Sincerely,  
(Signed) G. H. HATFIELD."

(Prof. Hatfield is a prominent member of the Baptist Church and writes from a mind that is free from narrowness and prejudice.—Editor.)

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BOWIE—Preaching Point. Mr. Stone preaches there every second Sunday at 3:00 P. M. in the Calvary M. E. Church.

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Presbyterian Church of Lansing Outgrowth  
of Christian Chautauqua.

Elders who were ordained are: Messrs. Daniel T. Jones, J. Ross Weaver, James Campbell. The deacons are Messrs. Ernest Carty and Elbert McCarter.

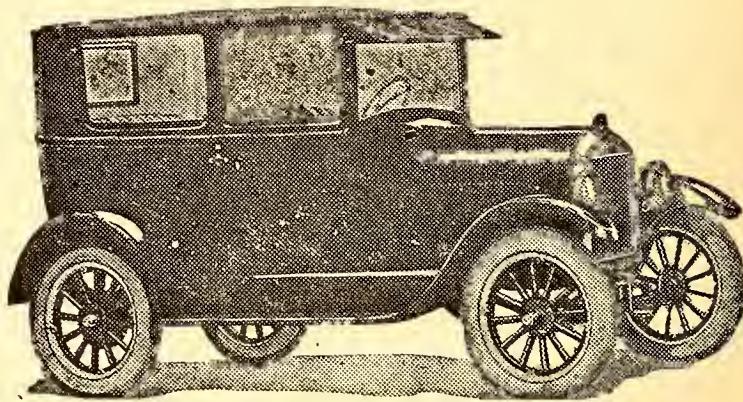
The church at Lansing is so alive, so wide-awake, so full of enthusiasm that it is safe to say that it can be looked to as one of the future's strongest churches in Ashe. Its Sunday school was organized on July 4, with four departments and is doing good work; plans are now underway for the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary; a lot, which can be seen in the lower right hand corner of the picture of Lansing on Page one of this paper, has been purchased from Mr. Ed. Childers and when the robins begin to build their nests in the spring, the people of Lansing are expecting to begin work on their church home. Their trust in God and their hearty spirit of co-operation guarantee that their dreams will be more than dreams and that very soon the main street of Lansing will be adorned by a Presbyterian church.

**Grand Champion in Illinois**

John E. Foster, of Jefferson, Grand Champion of North America, an honor given him last year at the International Crops Judging Contest in Chicago, is now at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. This honor carried with it a fellowship in that institution. He will probably be there two years.

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## Evidences of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men

"And many brought gifts \* \*"  
2 Chron. 32:23

In our last issue we recounted some of the many gifts made by the First churches of Winston and Greensboro and other friends. Since then they have been vieing with one another to assist in our attempts for Kingdom progress.

Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, out of the goodness of her heart, gave us \$125.00 for the erection of a temporary church at Lansing, similar to the one we erected at West Jefferson. Work has begun on this and we expect it to be completed soon. This will be a great help. It is a great feeling to feel at home. We, for a time at Lansing, worshipped in what was a grocery store and later a moving picture theatre. It was rented for a pool room, so we rented a dance hall for \$10.00 per month. On the lovely lot in the heart of town purchased by the church, the new temporary building is being erected. We will have a holier association with this new building erected for worship. Thank you again, Mrs. Norfleet.

Mr. M. W. Norfleet and Mr.\_\_\_\_\_, of Winston-Salem, have given curtains and rods for cutting off class rooms in the West Jefferson and Lansing Sunday schools. This has been done at West Jefferson and will soon be done at Lansing. To them our thanks go out.

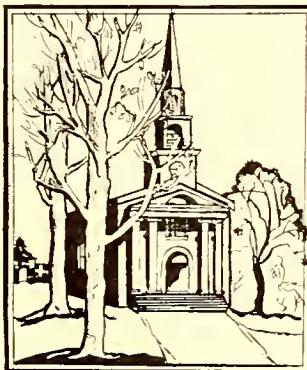
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Winston First, through the benevolence of a fine Christian lady, whose name we are not sure we have the permission to print now, gave us \$125.00 for chairs for the Lansing Sunday school. These, as far as the little ones are concerned, will be much more comfortable than the folding slat seats we are using at present. What a blessing these are to be!

Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, gave \$50.00 to the Jefferson Auxiliary to assist them in paying for their piano. This is the greatest boon and lift these dear ladies have had and all are overjoyed because of Mrs. Reynolds' benevolence.

Miss Margaret and Rev. and Mrs. James Vandevanter, of Albuquerque, N. Mexico, sent a check for \$20.00, which has been divided between Lansing and West Jefferson.

Friends in Winston have given two excellent pulpit Bibles, which go to West Jefferson and Lansing.

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## WILL YOU HELP BUILD FOR GOD?

### Two Churches Needed in Ashe.

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You are most cordially invited to give a Christmas gift to church erection in Ashe County. Two churches with a fine future, with an increasing membership and an enlarging sphere of influence want to build for God for the future. Opportunity is ours. We have the youth who will lead in county and state and nation. Don't you think that they ought to have a place in which they can worship in comfort and in the beauty of holiness?

We want \$15,000.00 each for Lansing and West Jefferson. With this we can erect two of the finest and best equipped churches in the county. There isn't a modern Sunday School plant in Ashe. This would make us the pioneers in this field.

We are handicapped—and greatly so—in each of these towns. They are growing—and if we don't build we will soon be greatly embarrassed in our temporary buildings. And we are working under great disadvantages at present.

Our ideally located lots in each town cost the membership about all they can raise. The lot at West Jefferson cost \$1900.00. The Lansing lot cost \$1000.00. Friends are helping with these payments. This is an appeal for gifts to church erection. Such gifts will never declare a monetary dividend—but will pay infinitely more and better. The returns will be

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## Some Lights on the Year's Work

In many respects this has been a magnificent year for our work. It has welcomed the Lansing Church and the West Jefferson and Lansing Auxiliaries into being. It has seen some forward steps in the way of material equipment. The year has made for us many new friends who are giving, working and praying as never before. Seasons have come and seasons have gone, but not one in recent years has breathed such a fine atmosphere that has been created for the future of our Church. Never before have we had such campaigns of evangelism combined with Christian training. Never before have our evangelistic services been so well attended as were those held under the tent.

#### MEMBERSHIP INCREASED 30 Per Cent

Does it pay to promote our work? Statistics are seldom accurate in giving all the benefits, for Spiritual results and good accomplished can never be computed mathematically. But so long as we are earthly beings figures are going to count with us. So the total additions to our Ashe Presbyterian Churches during the calendar year divided by our membership at the beginning of the year will give the per cent of increase—of which we are not ashamed. It is 30 per cent.

Those who have united with the churches in addition to those who were reported in our last issue are:

At Ebenezer: Pearl Loug and Belva Mae Wyatt; at Jefferson: W. R. Howell; and letters have been asked for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Irene, Talmadge and Kemp Richardsou; at West Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ruliffson, Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mrs. Pearl Woodie Phipps, (transferred from Ebenezer), Jean Blevins, Quincy Blevins, Miss Myrtle Williamson and Mrs. Jesse Woody; at Peak Creek: Mrs. Eugene Miller, Mrs. Lemuel Sheets, Miss Flossie Billings, Miss Madge Billings, Miss Bessie Billings, and Miss Verdie Miller.

Evangelistic meetings were held in all our churches with the exception of Obids. Our plans for this meeting were frustrated. In the spring, as soon as weather conditions permit, we are planning for one there.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We live in a land where many Sunday schools hibernate. Many live no longer than Christmas. We are happy to say that our six Sunday schools are "ever-

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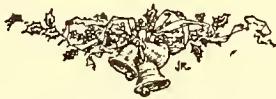
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## Editorial

The time to which so many of us have been looking has come. Many boys and girls are filled and thrilled with the idea of Christmas. We trust that all those who are older may be filled with the Spirit of Christmas, which is the Spirit of the Christ. Let us not allow this season to pass without thinking of its deep and wonderful meaning. It is one of the most significant and happiest religious seasons of the entire year.

There should be no time like it for the stressing of evangelism. Originally, God gave. Now, why not make much of the fact that we ought to give—first give ourselves and our entire heart's devotion to our Master, Jesus Christ. In the territory in which our church has its earthly existence there are 24,000,000 who have no church membership of any kind. This is two-thirds of the population in this area. Isn't this a fine field for evangelistic zeal? Isn't that a great host who need to feel the genuine Christmas Spirit and act upon it—surrendering to Christ?

We wish for all the very happiest Christmas season ever experienced. May the season be filled with a host of fine things for you, and in saying "Merry Christmas!" we also say "Happy New Year!"

As never before our hearts are filled with gratitude to our friends, who during the year, have given time, talent, money and have made prayerful intercession for the progress of the Kingdom through our channels.

Through the courtesy of the Presbyterian Survey, and the Executive Committee of Home Missions, and Rev. John D. Smith, who have loaned us some electro-types, our paper is more attractive. We are glad to acknowledge our indebtedness and gratitude to them.

## God's Christmas Gift

(A Christmas Sermon in Skeleton Outline)

Text—John 3:16

One of the finest spirits that exists is the Christmas spirit. It is so unselfish, so like God. It is that of giving. We do not usually associate our text with themes of the season. Yet by analysis we find that there is no text more appropriate. We have it in:

I. **THE GIVER**—God. Here on earth we play the part of the donor or giver. God was the first, and gave the world the first Christmas present.

The Motive of the Original Giver—Love.

Various Motives of more modern givers—pay back, gifts expected, custom, love, etc.

The Recipient of God's Gift—"The World" of lost mankind, past, present and future.

II. **THE GIFT**—"Only Begotten Son." Whom but God would have thought of giving a baby to redeem mankind? His only Son. Paul says in II Cor. 9:15—"God's unspeakable gift." We call Him the "Good Shepherd," "Lord," "Savior." He says that He came to seek and to save the lost. He says we must be His witnesses.

To Whom is God's Gift given? Go to the text—"Whosoever believeth." And the ones who received Him received a new hope, a new light and salvation.

III. **THE VALUE OF THE GIFT**—

Many of our gifts have small intrinsic value. God doesn't give gifts like that. The value of God's gift to whosoever believeth in Him is that he (1) "shall not perish," (2) "have everlasting life." Think of all the meaning there is in that!

IV. **HAVE YOU ACCEPTED GOD'S GIFT?**—

Suppose a friend on Christmas morning should bring to your home a few narcissus bulbs, or a handkerchief, tie or bottle of perfume all wrapped in holly paper and tied in tinsel and ask you to accept it as a token of love and esteem. Of course you would graciously accept with smiles, and heartfelt appreciation.

God comes to you on Christmas morning with His Gift. Every day He comes to many who have not accepted His Gift. He says "Believe on my Son. He died as a token of my love. Please accept Him."

Readers, out of Christ, what are you going to do? Are you going to spit in God's face? Are you going to take His Gift and hurl Him back into His face and say "I'll have nothing you have to offer this Christmas." Many have virtually acted that this year in refusing Christ.

Beloved, accept God's Gift, for He alone brings joy and peace and that thing which your soul needs—**SALVATION**. And salvation only comes through God's Christmas Gift.

## NEEDS!

Prayers of the Church,  
Two Church Buildings,  
Sunday School Equipment,  
Sunday School Libraries,  
Books for Teacher's Training  
Classes. ("The Pupil" most  
needed at present,) Subscriptions for The Ashe  
Presbyterian, Clothing to be turned into Cash.

## Ashe County Observes Special Day in Sunday School

One thing for which Ashe County strives is co-operation. With the church as a whole, this was evident in the observance this year of Rally Day in the West Jefferson, Lausing and Ebenezer churches and of Home Mission Day in the churches at Jefferson and Ebenezer.

Rally Day was marked by the giving of the program "Who Is My Neighbor?" and in the making of an offering, in each case nearly three times the usual amount, for Sunday School Extension.

The pageant "When Winter Comes," was given on Home Mission Day. The offering for the Highland School at Jefferson was \$6.02, and at Ebenezer \$6.03. When the collection at Ebenezer was counted, the Superintendent remarked:

"If we had a dollar more, Ebenezer would lead Ashe County in its Home Mission Day Offering." Before the sentence was finished, Mr. W. R. Craven's hand was thrust forward and the collection had "gone over the top." Not only as a group of churches, but also as individuals, it may be said of Ashe Presbyterians that they believe in co-operation.

Rev. J. D. Smith, of Pilot Mountain, preached for three or four days in September at Peak Creek. He made a great impression for our Master. Rev. E. W. Thompson writes "when you want a real evangelist that can reach \* \* \* the people, get him. We received six into the church and several more say they will join."

We want Mr. Smith again.

We hear a great deal about Church Papers, but there is little in our Church papers in regard to the leading Presbyterian Quarterly: **The Union Seminary Review**. Of this same and scholarly journal the Rev. Eugene C. Caldwell, D. D., is Editor. It is very helpful in many phases of the life of the minister and thoughtful laymen. We most heartily commend it to our readers. The price is \$1.50 per year and Leslie H. Patterson, Care of U. T. S., Richmond, Virginia, is Business Manager, who will be glad to receive your subscription.

**EVIDENCES OF PEACE ON EARTH,**

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Through an arrangement with Synod's Home Mission Committee, a Sunday school room of 23x35 is being built to Ebenezer church. There will be three rooms—which are greatly needed. We hope to be in these rooms soon.

Some friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Price, in Rogersville, Tenn., have given handsome sums for payment on the West Jefferson church lot. Their names will appear in these columns when recognition is made of others who have helped on the lot.

The Greensboro First Auxiliary has a great and abiding interest in our work. They are continually helping with gifts of money and clothing, which is converted into money and into friendship for Christ, and makes it possible for some to attend Sunday school who otherwise would not. The Christian literature sent from time to time is a great help.

There are a great many who have helped to promote the interests of The Ashe Presbyterian. To all these we are profoundly grateful.

Mrs. Laura Black and daughter, Mrs. Mary Trembley, of Winsor, Ontario, have given to the Jefferson church a lovely and greatly needed present. Fifty Premier Hymns have been presented in memory of the late Joseph Black. This book is beautiful and serviceable. In order that this gift may be preserved for years to come, the officers have ordered book racks for the pews. The name of the church is imprinted in gold letters upon the outside of the Hymnal. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Trembley have done this thing which will keep the church under obligation to them for years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Norfleet and Miss Delphine Brown, of Winston-Salem, have given \$35.00 for Premier Hymns for the Lansing church.

Mr. R. T. Stone, of Stoneville, N. C., gave \$10.00 to the Auxiliary at Jefferson as an aid on the piano payments.

Messrs. T. C. and W. S. Stone, of Stoneville, each gave \$5.00 for Christian Education. Mr. M. W. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, gave \$100.00 for Christian Education.

The High Point Circle is again this year continuing support of a Glade Valley Student.

Acknowledgements for aid in the Christian programs will be made in the next issue.

So with this enumeration of our benefactors with those who, perchance have been unthoughtedly overlooked, and with those of whom we have never been conscious, there is great evidence of "Goodwill Toward Men." They have made the hearts of your servants happy. They have brought cheer and happiness and a consciousness of your vital interest to our constituency and to all to whom your benefactions are a blessing. And we know that the loving heart of our Savior has had cause to rejoice—because souls have been saved.

**HELP US BUILD THIS TYPE BUILDING FOR LANSING**

The editor of the London Times a few years ago sent his leading correspondent to the Orient to study Mohammedanism. He was to visit all their leading cities for five years. When he returned to London the Lord Mayor gave him a great banquet to which the Lords and Peers of England were invited, together with representative business, professional and churchmen of London.

At the banquet this reporter was asked to respond to the toast "Mohammedanism." He began his address by saying, "Gentlemen, Mohammedanism is dying. If you want to know why I say this, let me tell you that in all my travels throughout the Orient where Moslems are most numerous, I found that they were building no new Mosques, neither were they repairing their old ones. A religious body that builds much prospers much. A religious body that does not build dies."

This is particularly true of the Christian religion. The progress of God's Kingdom is along the line of new church organizations. If the church is to live it must grow; if it grows it must build.

The historian of today, reviewing the work of the church fifty years ago, is compelled to record the fact that Church Extension was the neglect of the church of that generation. We now see the incalculable losses that have resulted to our membership and resources because of the failure to follow our people as they moved into new territory, and to enter communities where there was an opportunity and need for the Presbyterian Church.

Fifty years hence, when the historian writes of the work of the Southern Presbyterian Church of today, he will emphasize the fact that the church's greatest neglect, resulting in the greatest loss to our denominational growth, was the failure in our Home Mission program to make adequate provision for Church Extension.

—Dr. Homer McMillan.

**SOME LIGHTS ON THE YEAR'S WORK      WILL YOU HELP BUILD FOR GOD?**

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green"—witnessing throughout the year, A great deal should be said for our faithful officers and teachers and students who brave the winter's wind, snow, ice and cold. Some of our schools are growing in attendance and in interest.

Beginning January first, a new report system will be initiated. Each Sunday School Secretary will be asked to make a weekly report of the schools to Miss Williamson and occasional consolidated monthly reports will be made to the individual schools, and it is hoped that this will generate a friendly rivalry and spirit of competition.

**CHURCH SCHOOL OF MISSIONS**

During the first six weeks of the New Year we are hoping to have our first Church School of Missions. It will be held alternately in the Jefferson and West Jefferson churches. The hour will be 7:00 P. M. each Wednesday. The text for the adults will be: "An Open Door in Brazil." For the Juniors: "Brave Adventurers." It is hoped that this will be a great blessing to us in giving us a wider vision of world service and of world need, and bring us to feel our responsibility.

in religious education, heralding of the Evangel, and Christian character to bless county, state and nation. Will you not invest in this great undertaking which is done in faith? Don't you think God would have you have a part in underwriting our faith? Mr. Henry Belk, of Charlotte, is going to give one-half of the brick for one of the churches! That's fine! May we have your gift? We need it—and it will be expended in the most economical way.

Gifts for Lansing may be sent to C. E. CARTY, Treasurer, Lansing, N. C. Gifts for West Jefferson may be sent to T. P. TUDOR, Treasurer, West Jefferson, N. C. They may be sent either to R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C., or to Presbyterial or Synodical Superintendents of Home Missions. If there are any undesignated gifts they will be divided between the churches.

**HELP US BUILD FOR GOD!**

The Thanksgiving service had several features: Rev. S. L. Hunter's sermon; the offering for Barinn—\$45.31 and a lot of potatoes, apples, pumpkins, walnuts, dried fruit and pop corn; and the fine fellowship and spirit of gratitude.

## New Auxiliaries at West Jefferson and Lansing

When the history of Presbyterianism in Ashe County is written, October 21, 1926, will go down as a date much to be remembered. On that day women from several communities in Ashe county gathered in the newly-built, temporary church at West Jefferson for an all-day conference with the Presbyterial leaders of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

A program uplifting and of lasting benefit to all, made the time a great blessing to those who were present. Before the day closed two auxiliaries had been organized—one at West Jefferson, and the other at Lausing.

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Chairman, Mrs. O. L. Naas. After a devotional led by Rev. R. H. Stone and words of welcome spoken by Mrs. T. C. Bowie, the Presbyterial president, Mrs. C. M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, gave the splendid address of the morning. After picnic lunch, the Secretaries of Causes brought their messages: Mrs. R. H. Stone, Mrs. J. R. Fiuley, Miss Delphine Brown, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, Mrs. E. G. Finley spoke of the different causes and Miss Myrtle Williamson talked on "Why Ashe County Needs Auxiliaries". Mrs. C. M. Norfleet closed the meeting and then West Jefferson Auxiliary was organized.

This meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. M. Norfleet. After a brief discussion of duties of officers and prayer for guidance, the following were elected:

President, Mrs. T. C. Bowie; Vice-President, Mrs. O. L. Naas; Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Turner; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Price.

The Secretaries of Causes are: Spiritual Life and Christian Community Service, Mrs. Robert Barr; S. P. C. and Barium Springs, Mrs. Park Tudor; Literature, Mrs. W. J. Price; Foreign Missions and White Cross Work, Mrs. O. L. Naas; Assembly's Home Missions and Young People, Miss Myrtle Williamson; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. E. C. Turner; Glade Valley, Miss Jean Blevins; Historian, Mrs. T. C. Bowie.

This Auxiliary meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Under Mrs. Bowie's efficient leadership, great things are expected of this group.

Mrs. C. M. Norfleet, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, Miss Delphine Brown and Mrs. R. H. Stone presented the work to the women of Lansing. The officers and secretaries elected there are:

President, Mrs. J. M. Warren; Vice-President, Mrs. Ernest Carty; Secretary, Miss Annie Mae Atchley; Treasurer, Miss Stella Faw; Secretaries of Spiritual Life and Pastor's Aid, Mrs. James Campbell; Foreign Missions, Miss Mabel Weaver; As-

sembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Ballou; S. P. C., Miss Mae Weaver; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Blanche Goss; Young People and Sunday School Extension, Miss Myrtle Williamson; Literature, Miss Maxie Weaver; Christian Social Service, Mrs. J. P. Sexton; Barium Springs, Mrs. Elbert McCarter; Glade Valley, Miss Ruby Coldiron; White Cross Work, Miss Doris Clark; Historian, Miss Annie Mae Atchley.

The Lansing Auxiliary has the largest membership in the county and its members are being true to their usual spirit in the number of activities which are already well under way. The two circles meet during the third week each month and the Auxiliary meets each first Monday.

At the first meeting plans were made for sending a truck of produce to Barium Springs, quilting a quilt (gifts from the members) for Banner Elk and holding Mission Study Classes. Various other activities are in the air.

The outlook is bright for Woman's Auxiliary work in Ashe County. The one at Jefferson has set the example and the two new ones at West Jefferson and Lansing are following; it is hoped that before many months each church in Ashe may have its women organized. There are no more consecrated women anywhere than Ashe County boasts; these women need the auxiliary; and the auxiliary needs these women. It will not be long before more auxiliaries will be working in Ashe.

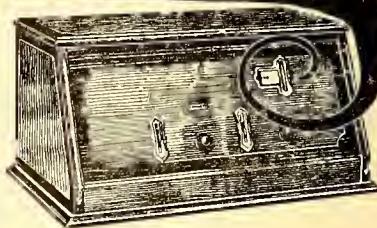
## "Something New in Israel"

The Sunday school at West Jefferson holds a mid-week session every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30. The children from the Beginners, Primary, and Junior Classes meet with Miss Williamson for an hour of games, memory work and stories. So far the services have been well attended, and have seemed equally enjoyable and beneficial. Just at present the program centers around Christmas and the memory work is being done in the Child's Catechism; Quincy Blevins is to receive his Testament for the perfect recitation of this catechism at the Christmas exercises. Several others seem determined that he shall not be the only one so honored.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAMS

**OBIDS**—Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.  
**LANSING**—Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.  
**WEST JEFFERSON**—Thurs. 7:00 P. M.  
**EBENEZER**—Friday, 2:30 P. M.  
**PEAK CREEK**—Friday, 2:30 P. M.  
**JEFFERSON**—Friday, 7:00 P. M.  
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Ashe County has gained three fine young people in Talmadge, Irene, and Kemp Richardson, who, with their parents, have moved to Jefferson.

Quite a number of Ashe County boys and girls are at Glade Valley. Ashe leads in many ways over there.

Many of our people will be glad to know Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Finnie's address, which is: 3840 15th St., St. Petersburg, Florida.

Edward McNeill is in Guilford College; Elizabeth Bowie is at Salem again; Blanche Neal is teacher of Domestic Science in a large school near Rutherfordton, N. C.

Mrs. J. H. Suttenfield, Pinebluff, N. C., Secretary of Literature of Fayetteville Presbyterial Auxiliary writes: "In the three Group Conferences we had down here I picked fifty-six subscriptions to your little paper \* \* \*. We have two more Group Meetings and I still have a few more envelopes and I hope to get them all filled out \* \* \* to advertise your work and to show you that Fayetteville Presbyterial has some interest in you."

Bless her heart!

Listen to this: "Here's a little 'filthy lucre' to help build those churches. We have been so interested in your fine work, so half the amount comes from Jimmie and Marion (Rev and Mrs. Vandevanter). Jimmie is particularly interested in your work and reads the 'Ashe Presbyterian' every time it comes."

This letter is from Miss Margaret E. Vandevanter, Director of Young People's Work in the First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The "filthy lucre" was a check for twenty dollars (\$20.00).

These are hearts that we bless, too!

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OBIDS (1904)—Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Preaching every Saturday night preceding the first Sunday at 7:00 P. M., and every first Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

PEAK CREEK (1921)—Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Preaching by appointment.

WEST JEFFERSON (1925)—Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Preaching every Second Sunday at 11:00 A. M., and the Fourth Sunday evenings at 7:00 P. M.

LANSING (1926)—Sunday school at 3:00 P. M. Bible Study every Tuesday night at 7:00 P. M. Preaching every Fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

BOWIE—Preaching Point. Mr. Stone preaches there every second Sunday at 3:00 P. M. in the Calvary M. E. Church.

The following is Miss Williamson's schedule (effective January 1st) of Bible Talks, "Studies in Knowing Jesus Christ."

Ebenezer—1st Wednesdays, 7:00 P. M.

Bowie—4th Wednesdays, 7:00 P. M.

Peak Creek—4th Fridays, 7:00 P. M.

Churches! Listen to what Presbytery says in its Minutes on page 136: "Rev. D. Clay Lilly introduced the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery be instructed not to make an appropriation to any church which does not make an Every-Member Canvass for current expenses and benevolences."

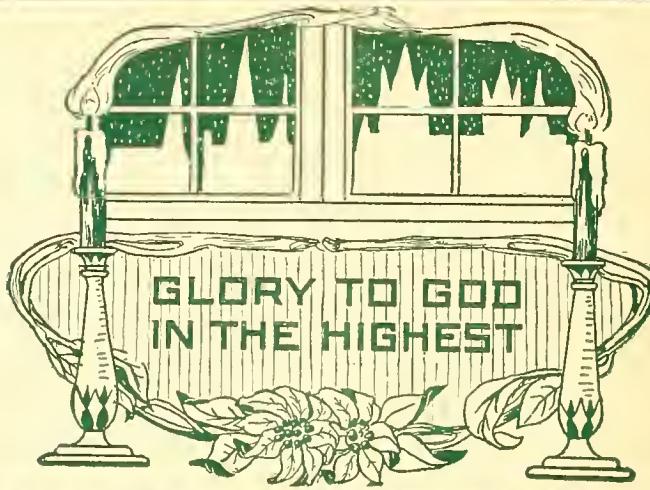
We approve of this and have always endeavored to get it done—though in some cases we have failed.

Additional gifts to the West Jefferson Church: Rev. and Mrs. James M. and Miss Margaret Vandevanter, \$10.00; Miss Myrtle Williamson, \$6.00; Mr. G. Vance Moretz, \$1.00; Sunday School, \$7.76; Auxiliary, \$8.48.

Home Mission Day was observed in four of our churches. The Jefferson and Ebenezer Sunday schools each gave \$6.00 to Highland School. Lansing, Ebenezer and West Jefferson observed Rally Day and each made a nice contribution to Sunday School Extension.

Many of our young people will be coming home for the holidays and how those of us who have been keeping the home fires burning will enjoy seeing them.

We hear whisperings to the effect that Cupid is going to ring the wedding bells before the holidays are over.



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# BUILDING FOR GOD NUMBER THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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## THE NEED TO BUILD FOR GOD AT WEST JEFFERSON AND LANSING !

### Great Development and Opportunity— Dr. Gillespie's Testimony

The most interesting thing in the history and progress of Presbyterianism in the Synod of North Carolina is the romantic story of the organization and growth of the churches at West Jefferson and Lansing.

In the paraphrased language of the Apostle Paul we have said "But we will tarry at West Jefferson and Lansing \* \* \* for a great door and effectual is opened unto us."

The West Jefferson church was constituted in July, 1925, in a theatre with five ladies. Now it has nineteen members, an elder, a pastor, a vigorous Sunday school, an Auxiliary, and with the help of the people of God are building a modern church plant. But it is being done only through gifts of love.

West Jefferson is a growing, railroad town, serving a great country. It has a High School that attracts students from afar. It has no building worthy of the name of a church. For the resident people whom we reach, for the great many students, for the tourists, and for the future of the great church we hope to be, we need a modern church plant such as was begun on April 25th.

Lansing, also on the railroad out toward Abingdon, has had a fine beginning. For a number of months prior to the Christian Chautauqua of last year there were weekly Bible Studies. But the Chautauqua demonstrated to the good people there something of the work and progressiveness and zeal to serve of the Presbyterian church. A number of the heads of families asked for an organization. Twenty-three charter members were united into the Lansing Presbyterian church last September. What a sphere of influence we have there!

In addition to the population of the town our Church serves the surrounding community for several miles each way. Last summer at Chautauqua people ten and fifteen miles away attended. Perhaps there is no place in the Synod where the work

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## WILL YOU HELP MEET THE NEED ?

### Sacrificial Gifts Received—Winston-Salem Comes to Rescue—

\$13,500.00 Needed

For two years some of us have been dreaming of that church at West Jefferson now being constructed and for a year of the one that we are going to build at Lansing.

They will be gifts of love. Our own membership has contributed to this—their own enterprise. One day a little girl brought in a handful of money sent by her mother which she had made growing plants. Some have written checks for goodly amounts, some have given their notes, some have brought their trucks and hauled material. Others have come and given their labor.

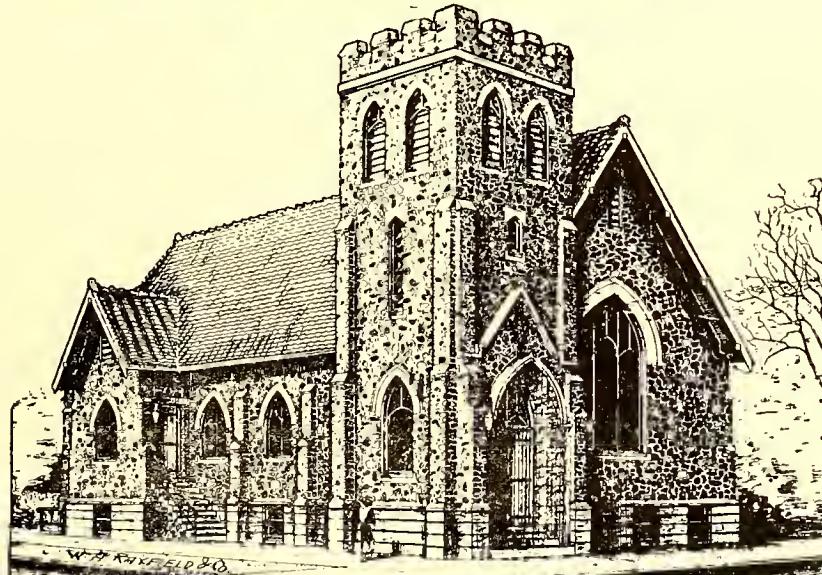
Yet we could not build a material temple that would honor our Lord. So we prayed to God to lead, guide and help us. We were guided to Dr. E. E. Gillespie and to the Winston First and Reynolda Presbyterian churches. Dr. Gillespie, having the hearty sympathy of both Dr. J. S. Foster and Dr. D. Clay Lilly and their Sessions, made an appeal in each church. We were asking Winston-Salem for \$10,000.00 There has been pledged about \$6,500.00. Some of the large givers have not been canvassed. There were about one hundred and thirty people who responded. The two Winston-Salem churches are "sold" as to the need and importance of these churches. One benevolent gentleman whose judgment is keen in financial and spiritual matters has given his check for \$500.00 and

says when \$9500.00 is subscribed in Winston-Salem, that he will give an additional \$500.00.

The Norfleets are widely known for their interest in spiritual matters as well as being successful in business. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norfleet and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet have gone out and canvassed successfully for this cause. Others have done likewise.

We are asking our Winston-Salem readers who have not contributed to raise the \$3500.00.

We are to raise \$10,000.00 in Ashe in land, labor, gifts of material, etc., and money. We are needing \$10,000.00 addi-  
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Proposed modern Church and Sunday School Plant for West Jefferson and Lansing. We need your contribution NOW. Strengthen our Faith and make sure our prayers by sending your Contribution TODAY !

### Tentative Schedule for the Christian Chautauqua Campaign for 1927

OBIDS—May 29th-June 12th.

EBENEZER—June 15th-29th.

PEAK CREEK—July 3rd-17th.

WEST JEFFERSON—

July 20th-Aug. 3rd.

LANSING—August 7th-21st.

BOWIE—Aug. 23rd-Sept. 4th.

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**Editorial**

We are undertaking one of the most ambitious programs this year ever taken by our church and probably by any other in Ashe County. It includes six Christian Chautauquas and seven evangelistic meetings. The big tent is to be with us again, and we pray to have the Spirit of God in great power. We hope to see scores repenting of their sin and confessing faith in Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

We are building two of the best churches in the county. In modern church buildings prompt gifts on your part will enable our church to be pioneers in this field. We need those buildings badly. We are crippled and handicapped without them. A church with the appearance of a small town corner grocery is not inviting.

The work has been begun. We are doing all we can here. We need \$13,500.00 to go right on with the work until both churches are completed. Will you, Dear Reader, send your contribution? Whether great or small—it will be greatly appreciated. Will you underwrite our faith in God for these buildings? Will you allow yourself to be the means of prayer answered?

We believe you will.

In the adjoining columns we are featuring an article by the President of the Men of the Churches—Mr. J. C. Crawford. Mr. Crawford is also secretary to the Board of County Commissioners. He has been elected three times and is considered one of the best who has served the county. Mr. Crawford is a good business man and commends to your liberality the cause of these buildings being erected for the glory of God.

Our people are quite happy in the coming of Rev. John W. Luke. We bespeak for him open homes and hearts and a cordial reception. We sincerely trust that he will enjoy a most fruitful ministry and that many souls may be led by him to the foot of the cross.

During the summer he will be with the Chautauqua.

A little later we are going to get out an edition of **The Ashe Presbyterian** giving more of the church news. We are going to issue a thanksgiving number in appreciation of the many contributions to our churches.

**HELP US BUILD FOR GOD!**

**Presbyterianism in Ashe County—Past and Present**

By J. C. CRAWFORD

In the December issue of 1924, I wrote a short article "Presbyterianism in Ashe County." Since that time, owing to the position I hold, I have come in contact with a great many people, many of whom do not have an adequate idea of what the Presbyterians believe and are trying to do in Ashe County.

It is my purpose, within a brief outline to give the value of Presbyterianism to the County. By way of parenthesis I want to say that we Ashe Presbyterians are not here for the purpose of causing friction or the tearing down of any evangelical denomination, but to help one and all tear down the strongholds of Satan and to build God's kingdom upon the ruins thereof. May we not lay aside all our petty theories and prejudices and join hand in hand in this great work?

First, we have gone into three communities and were the first to erect a place of public worship. Ebenezer is the first, being built in 1897. This was followed in 1904 by the Obids Presbyterian church. In 1925, we held services in the Peak Creek Presbyterian church (organized in 1921).

In the second place, our preachers have been pioneer evangelists in other sections of the county. The work of these Presbyterian pioneers who went into lowly homes and in remote places lasts to this day. Many people can be cited both in this county, State and nation, who will tell you of their conversion under a Presbyterian ministry by the Spirit of God.

Thirdly, wherever there is an evident need we take the Gospel where the opportunity avails itself. A number of our men have formed themselves into an evangelistic organization and are trying to win—not for Presbyterianism—but for Christ, many of the lost souls within our bounds. There are several other places in the county where they do not have preaching and Sunday school and our hopes and prayers are to go into them for Him.

Fourthly. Today we have six Presbyterian churches: Ebenezer (1897,) Jefferson (1900,) Obids (1904,) Peak Creek (1921,) West Jefferson (1925,) and Lansing (1926). We live in a land where it is far from the universal custom for Sunday schools to operate throughout the year, but in each of our churches there is an evergreen one. During recent years we have come to a realization of the importance of Religious education. To this end our forces and energies have been directed. In 1925 the McNeill Sunday School Room was given by Mr. E. A. McNeill to the Jefferson church, which added much to the efficiency of the Sunday school. This year the Gillespie Sunday School Room has been added to the Ebenezer church. This gives three additional rooms and this plant is the best equipped for Sunday school work of any in the county.

Fifthly: We were the first to introduce the Daily Vacation Bible Schools to Ashe County. In 1923 our first was held. In 1925 two were conducted. In 1926 there were four held under the Christian Chautauqua tent. Along with these there were Bible Classes for adults and campaigns of evangelism. This year our plan includes six Daily Vacation Bible Schools in connection with the Christian Chautauqua. It would be impossible to estimate the good influence that has been set in motion by these Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Prior to 1923 we did not have an evergreen Sunday school, no Christian Endeavor societies, no auxiliaries, no organized men's movement, very little done for the Benevolent causes of the Church. This year we reported six evergreen Sunday schools with an enrollment of 422. The Peak Creek Christian Endeavor has been reorganized and plans are under way for another organization. Now we have three working Auxiliaries and our men are organized for work. In 1922-'23, Assembly's Minutes show 84 members. This year we report 186. In 1922-'23 nothing was given to Benevolences. In 1926-'27 \$486.00 was contributed.

In my judgment Presbyterianism has been of an untold benefit to our county. Its usefulness is just now beginning to bud. West Jefferson and Lansing are strategic centers. Their High Schools attract students from all parts of the county. We have a growing work at each place. Our hope is to have in each place an attractive, modern church and Sunday school plant which will be a credit to Presbyterianism and to Ashe county. And in order to do this we must have your hearty co-operation, both prayerfully and financially. Because of the urgent need and importance of the work and because all contributions are economically expended, I commend these causes to your most gracious liberality.

## "Father, We Thank Thee"

Only Heaven can record our great appreciation for those who have subscribed nearly \$6,500.00, and who made our hearts rejoice again and again. These have made possible the beginning of these buildings for God.

In the language of the children's song our hearts sing "Father, We Thank Thee" for those who have helped. In another issue we will publish those who have helped within our County and in other places. Those subscribing in the Campaign put on in Winston-Salem are:

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Miss L. Lena Lott, Miss Flora V. Lott, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, M. W. Norfleet, M. W. Norfleet, Jr., Miss Lila Ross Norfleet, Leon Norfleet, Kenneth Monteastle, Miss Lucy Gamble, Miss Charlotte Critz, Mrs. Robert Critz, Geo. A. Grimsley, A. H. Eller, Mrs. Jauet C. Gray, N. H. Wright, Jno. A. McClung, E. W. O'Hanlon, Jno. D. Spinks, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shepherd, Fred Sheetz, J. P. Bolt, E. D. Vaughn, B. J. Shepherd, W. R. Thomas, J. W. Farlow, S. R. Ireland, P. L. Withers, Mrs. Bob Nissen, Mrs. B. S. Moore, Baxter Moore, Elleu Moore, Johnsie Moore, T. D. Tyack, Joe Tyack, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Norfleet, Geo. Norfleet, Jr., Mrs. Geo. S. Norfleet, Mrs. P. N. Montague, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mrs. Bertha W. Davis, Mrs. V. M. Loug, Mrs. Henry Roan, Caldwell Roan, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Helen Johnson, C. W. Harris, Mrs. A. V. Maslin, E. L. Jones, Mrs. H. L. Riggins, Dr. W. H. Spruut, Mrs. T. L. Hubbard, T. L. Hubbard, Mrs. R. E. Randall, R. W. Gorrell, C. L. Glenn, Margaret Mickle, F. F. Steele, Chas. M. Norfleet, Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet, Chas. M. Norfleet, Jr., Elizabeth T. Norfleet, O. T. Grimsley, Mrs. Lola E. Johnston, Mrs. Senah C. Kent, Miss Delphine H. Carter, Miss Etta H. Carter, M. C. McNair, C. G. Vardell, Jr., H. S. Baggs, G. M. Allen, C. A. Keut, Jesse B. Glenn, J. R. Shepherd, Jr., Jas. T. Maddry, Mrs. B. B. Graham, Mrs. E. W. O'Hanlon, Allan O'Neal, G. W. Coau, A. F. Stevens, Bailey Lipfert, Geo. W. Braddy, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Paul Benett, G. C. McNair, Wm. McCall, Mrs. D. J. Lybrook, R. C. Norfleet, Robt. D. Byerly, Miss Sudie Byerly, Miss Hattie McLean, Miss Alice Scott, R. F. Mainor, W. W. Smoak, Mrs. A. Millner, Billy Starbuck, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smitherman, E. S. Reynolds, Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Teipel, Miss Mary Lippard, Mrs. E. J. Reedy, Mrs. P. L. Withers, Misses Mary & Annie Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Hay, Miss Grace Johnston, Miss Amelia Shober, Miss L. E. Scott, Bert L. Beunett, Miss Ada M. Roau, Stuart Scott, Mrs. Alec Sloan, Mrs. John Bynum, Dr. John Bynum, Dr. J. B. Dyer, J. Cabell Scott, Mrs. Tom Patterson, Miss Montalda, Jas. O. Speer, Miss Tabba Reynolds, Miss

## OBIDS, EBENEZER AND PEAK CREEK TO HAVE A NEW PASTOR



Rev. John W. Luke, Pastor-Elect

He says: "I am a Mountaineer from the Mountaineer State of West Virginia." His home is at Charles Town. He was in the Student Army Training Camp during the last year of the war at the University of West Virginia. He graduated at Hampden-Sidney College. In May he graduates from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

While at Hampden-Sidney he was a Varsity pitcher for several years. Also, he played basketball for the Varsity. While in the Seminary he took a part in these sports and played football.

For one year he was Student Pastor at William and Mary College. But the best part of his equipment for the ministry is his interest in people, his mental equipment, his personality, his zeal for the Master and his deep spirituality.

We welcome him with open homes and hearts.

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tional from the church at large. Will you not help? If you can send \$1000.00 or \$500.00 or \$250.00 or \$100.00 or \$25.00 or \$10.00 or \$5.00 or \$1.00 please let the needed and appreciated gift go forward today to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C. (A blank is found on page four, for your convenience). The building is being made of our beautiful stone. There is an ample seating capacity with an excellent Sunday school plant.

Dr. Gillespie, who is receiving all funds for this cause, writes on April 29th, "The total to credit of the two churches is \$2806.96, one-half is for Lansing. I hope more will be paid in soon."

Do you want this good work to stop? \$1404.00 will not last long when materials are being paid for. Kindly help us out.

Mary Tesh, Henry T. Black, A. C. Port, C. A. Jenkins, Miss Delphine Brown, Mrs. C. W. Harris.

All others are invited to join ranks with these who have aided the Lord's work. They are building monuments which are to serve for generations. It is a most worthwhile work. "The Church that Builds Most, Grows Most."

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of the Church is more appreciated.

Lansing, also, has a good High School that has an attraction for students in other parts of the County. They attend our Sunday School and church services. There is a fine Auxiliary in Lausius, too.

At present we worship in a building similar to the West Jefferson Presbyterian temporary building (on page four) 25x36. This building, made possible by a gift from Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, would not accommodate the crowd which came for the initial Sunday school. Can you imagine a big Sunday school operating within these dimensions?

There is only one other church in the town, i. e. the Northern Methodist. People of other denominations and of no denomination have been interested in helping to purchase the lot on main street. They also helped on the temporary building. Those who are interested in Kingdom progress are yearning to see a modern church plant go up on our lot there. There is nothing approaching a modern church building in that part of the country. We are attempting to fill the urgent need and one to serve the generations to come and to erect a church that will challenge the people of God to build beautifully for Him.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, our efficient, popular and greatly beloved Superintendent of Syod's Home Missions, who is in touch with Presbyterian work from the mountains to the sea, says that there is no place where gifts of money or of life can be more happily invested to bring forth larger returns for Christ and for our church than in these two strategic centers of influence.

It is a fine people these churches serve. Shall we minister to them in an inferior way—or shall we strive for the best? Will you help to fill both of these needs and have them completed by Thanksgiving of this year?

The West Jefferson congregation at a congregational meeting elected O. L. Naas, R. C. Barr and E. C. Turner, Jr., to constitute the building committee. This Committee elected Mr. Naas as its Chairman, and elected Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Mr. M. W. Norfleet and R. H. Stoue as an advisory Committee.

Mr. Naas was made superintendent of the construction work. This was a most fortunate selection for he has his heart in the building and can do the work of several men and can direct a good many. For economy and for efficiency in progress and construction a more capable man could not have been secured.

As soon as the West Jefferson church is completed we hope to begin at Lausius.

The best equipped Sunday School plant of any in the County is the Ebenezer church with its new Gillespie Sunday School Room. This new building was named by the Sunday school in honor of Dr. E. E. Gillespie who organized the church and helped to build the structure. The local congregation takes a great delight in it. On May 1st, there were ninety for Sunday school. The preceding Sunday eighty were present. During the hard, cold, frozen, muddy months of January, February and March, there was an average attendance of forty-six.

"These 'Babes in Presbyterianism' must have help to build a suitable place of worship."  
—Dr. Lilly's Reynolda Bulletin.

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THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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ASHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DIRECTORY.

REV. R. H. STONE, Pastor

REV. JOHN W. LUKE, Pastor-Elect  
MISS MYRTLE WILLIAMSON, Young People's  
Worker.

EBENEZER (1898)—Preaching Third Sun-  
days, 4:00 P. M. Sunday school 3:00 P. M.

JEFFERSON (1900)—Sunday School 10:00  
A. M. Bible Study every Wednesday at 8:00  
P. M. Preaching every third Sunday at 11:00  
A. M., and 8:00 P. M.

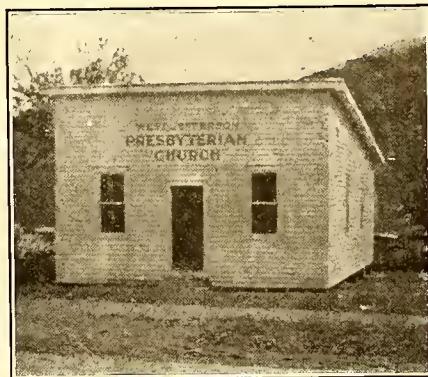
OBIDS (1904)—Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching every Saturday night preceding the  
first Sunday at 8:00 P. M., and every first Sun-  
day at 11:00 A. M.

PEAK CREEK (1921)—Sunday School at 2:  
30 P. M. Preaching by appointment. C. E.  
Sunday 8:00 P. M.

WEST JEFFERSON (1925)—Sunday School at 10:00  
A. M. Preaching every Second Sunday at  
11:00 A. M., and the Fourth Sunday evenings at  
8:00 P. M.

LANSING (1926)—Sunday school at 2:30 P.  
M. Bible Study every Tuesday night at 8:00  
P. M. Preaching every Fourth Sunday at 11:00  
A. M.

BOWIE—Preaching Point. Mr. Stone preaches  
there every second Sunday at 3:00 P. M. in the  
Calvary M. E. Church.



Our Lansing Church is similar to this. When the first Sunday school was held in the Lansing church the temporary building would not accommodate the congregation. The buildings are inadequate in both places.

Help us to get into a church that is worthy of the name. The work has started. Do not let it stop.

REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

A consolidated report of our churches to the Presbytery shows 15 elders; 8 deacons; 17 added on profession; 30 added by certificate; 422 enrolled in the six Sunday schools. A church membership of 186. Contributions for Benevolent Causes of the Church: Foreign Missions, \$129.00; Assembly's Home Missions, \$76.00; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$31.00; Publication and Sabbath School work, \$24.00; Training School for Lay Workers, \$4.00; Bible Cause, \$4.00; Synod's Home Missions, \$36.00; Orphaus' Home, \$69.00; Educational Institutions, \$47.00; Presbytery's Home Missions, \$66.00.

There is growth all along the line. There was a membership increase of more than thirty per cent.

Help us build new Churches! Send your contribution today!

Victims of the Catechism Epidemic



These Ebenezerites have recited the catechism or catechisms since January 1st. Left to right: Ethel Darnell (both), Josephine Roten (both), Johnsie E. Brooks (Shorter), Ida A. Atwood (Shorter), Annie Walker (both), Virgiua Dare Miller (both), Johnsie Roten (both), Pearl Opal Long (both); (the remainder only the child:) Elver Tate Walker, Johnsie Bell Farrington, Ruby Dare Bare, Belva Mae Wyatt, James Reed Long, Loyd Rufus Hunt, William G. Long, Roger Clayton Bare and Wayne Cecil Bare. Since this photograph was made the following have recited the Child's Catechism: Nell Virginia Walker, Clayton Walker and Jettie Hart.

Isn't this an enviable record for one Sunday School within four months? Ethel Darnell came back the next Suuday after getting her Testameut ready to recite the Shorter Catechism.

Don't you want to help build churches where this goes on? Surely you do. Send your Contribution today for West Jeffersou and Lausiug.

Sign this Blank and cut out and send your Subscription for West Jefferson and Lansing.

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DR. E. E. GILLESPIE, Supt. and Treas.  
Synod's Home Missions,  
Greensboro, North Carolina.

DEAR DR. GILLESPIE:

I want to have a share in the building of those Churches at West Jefferson and Lansing. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Or pledge for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable within \_\_\_\_\_ days.)

Wanting to see the good work of the Kingdom go forward, I am,  
Most sincerely,

My Church is \_\_\_\_\_

THESE CHURCHES DEPEND ON YOUR SUBSCRIPTION. FILL OUT AND MAIL TODAY !

# THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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JEFFERSON, N. C., OCTOBER, 1927

NUMBER 1

## Great Progress Is Made In Ashe County Presbyterianism !

### Spiritual Progress and The Christian Chautauquas. 25.8% Increase in County Membership.

If Christ were to walk in physical form upon the earth today would he be found among the hills and mountains of Western North Carolina as He was in Galilee of yore? We, in Ashe County, have invited Him to be with us in our mountains at all times. He has certainly stalked near and walked in the aisles of our Chautauqua tent calling people like Galileans to His work.

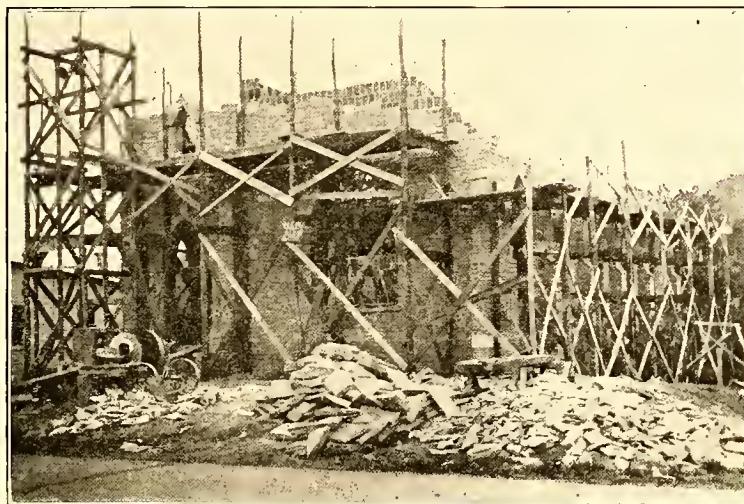
Early in the Spring an extensive schedule for the Christian Chautauqua circuit was planned. Six Chautauquas, of two weeks each, claimed our energies for the summer. You may take note of the dates at close of this article.

It may be necessary to explain to those who are not familiar with the work that the Christian Chautauqua is a combination of D. V. B. S. and Revival Services. The Bible School is held in the morning and the Revival Service at night. What makes the work of especial interest to all is that it is done under canvas, for we used a two-pole tent 40x60 feet, with platform at one end.

Our first set-up was at Obids, May 28th. What joy spread among the boys when an ex-circus tent man, Mr. Pine Medley, unloaded the tent, and skillfully directed its erection. The tent erection always caused great enthusiasm but interest continued in spite of bad weather and corn crops, for the enrollment cards show 117 having perfect attendance out of total enrollment of 604 and many more with only one or two days absent marks. Many of

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### Marked Material Growth Is Found in the West Jefferson Church. Need to Finish Building This Fall.



The West Jefferson Presbyterian Church Under Construction.  
May its unfinished walls, roofless, windowless condition  
appeal to your liberality?

Sign this Blank and cut out and send your Subscription for West Jefferson.

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1927

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Supt. and Treas.  
Synod's Home Missions,  
Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

I want to have a share in the completion of the Church at West Jefferson. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Or pledge for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable within \_\_\_\_\_ days.)

Wanting to see the good work of the Kingdom go forward, I am,

Most sincerely,

My Church is \_\_\_\_\_

On April the 25th, 1927, the work was begun on the new church at West Jefferson. The first thing was to get the temporary building off on an adjoining lot. Then the apparatus of a civil engineer was brought into service and the stakes were driven and lines were stretched and the site was laid off. Several teams pulling a plow and scraper were introduced on the scene, and within a few days the excavation was completed. The truck was busy hauling sand and crushed stone. A car of clay tiling arrived and was laid and the mixing of the concrete began and the foundation was soon completed.

May 22nd was a great day. A corner of rock wall had been built and Rev. John S. Foster, D.D., pastor of Winston-Salem First Presbyterian Church came up to conduct the service in connection with the laying of the corner stone. A platform was improvised and beautifully decorated with rhododendron. There was a great host of people present for this impressive service. There was an appropriate order of worship and the corner stone of Mount Airy granite was prepared for laying. A copy of the minutes of the session, a New Testament, a complete file of The Ashe Presbyterian, and a bulletin of the First Presbyterian church, of Winston-Salem for May 22nd, were sealed within the cavity.

The pastor of the church took the trowel and placed the first cement upon the wall. Dr. Foster then placed some. The stone was (Continued to page 3)

Six Christian Chautauquas!  
Forty-Eight Received Into Presbyterian Church!  
One Hundred and Four Professions of Faith!

Six Hundred and Four Enrolled in Bible Schools!  
One Hundred and Seventeen Have Perfect Attendance!  
Hundreds of Reconsecrations!

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### Editorial

The summer's season of Evangelism has been great. There were more than a hundred professions of faith in Christ and hundreds re-consecrated their lives to Christian living and service. Forty-eight have united with the Presbyterian churches in the county since the first of the church year. This is one more than was added during all of last year. A county membership increase of 25.8 per cent is one to thank our Lord for.

This has no doubt been the best year in the history of Ashe County Presbyterianism. It has been rare that congregations have seen more than three or four or five unite with a Presbyterian church in Ashe. But this year sixteen were received at one meeting into the Peak Creek church and fifteen at one time at the close of the West Jefferson Chautauqua. Needless to say that our hearts were overflowing when heads of families and young people were standing together to receive the sacrament of baptism.

From the progress it seems that the people are more and more appreciating the work of the Presbyterian church. And well that they should—for it is a friendly church, a church that serves in every possible way, a church that is holding up Christ and the Cross and the Bible, a church that despises sin and Satan and believes in Christian living and Christ-like service.

Our Chautauquas were all and more than we expected. Six were held and in every place great and lasting good was done. Co-operation was a great feature again this year. And a bright spot in the work is the fact that so many young people volunteered their services for Chautauqua work. Their lives in our county were for good and our people saw that they mirrored the Christ life. We thank all of them who gave of their time and talent.

Rally Day has been or will be observed in each of the six Sunday School.

SUBSCRIBE TO A CHURCH PAPER

Rev. John W. Luke was ordained and installed on May 29th by a Commission of Presbytery consisting of Revs. C. W. Robinson and R. H. Stone and Elders A. A. Finley and E. A. McNeill. The ordination service held in the Obids church was the beginning of the Chautauqua season for 1927. In the afternoon he was installed pastor of the Ebenezer church.

During the summer, Mr. Luke was platform manager of the Chautauqua. And this he did most acceptably. Both old and young are responding to his leadership. He is experiencing a fruitful ministry in Ashe County.

He is a preacher of great earnestness. And his evangelistic talent has had opportunity to grow during the past months, for he conducted the evangelistic part of the Ebenezer Chautauqua and did the larger part of it at Bowie.

The article beginning on the front page of the story of the Chautauqua is from Mr. Luke's pen and is his first contribution to our columns.

The Lord has blessed us in the building of our West Jefferson church. We launched out in faith and we know from experience that our Lord, through His people, has supplied our needs. Not sufficient funds have come in to complete it—but He has led us on as far as we have gone. And we are confident that more will come. When this structure is completed it will be the most enduring, and one of best equipped and most attractive churches within a radius of a good many miles. It is a gift to us of love and it stands as a monument to the liberality of His people. And it will have a program of Christian service and Religious Education planned with approved modern methods and a program of worship that is devotional and soul winning. We intend to use this building to aid one another through mutual helpfulness and study to know Christ and to make Him known to others.

Our Men of the Church have launched out in a new field of service. On the third Sunday afternoon in September at Ebenezer they conducted a most helpful service of testimony to what the grace of God had done for them. In the evening they took the regular worship hour in the Jefferson church. On the fourth Sunday night they had charge of the service at West Jefferson. Fine impressions were made as these men told of their former sin-loving selves and of the happiness and joy and help that had come into their lives since Jesus came into their hearts.

Not only was it a great help to the congregation, but it was a strength to the men who were witnesses. Some had never publicly testified before. They will hold services in the other churches. Mr. J. C. Crawford is President and leader.

Building a church was a bigger task than we anticipated. So the construction of the Lansing church will not begin until the robins begin to build again. The money for the Lansing church is kept in a Savings Bank and will grow larger before we need it.

### Roster of New Church Members

The results of the Christian Chautauqua held at Obids, May 29th, June 12th, were as follows:

Entering the Church on Profession—Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Miss Ila May Johnson, Mr. J. D. Crawford.

Others who made their profession—Mr. Hamp Ashly, Mr. Herbert Parsons.

The results of the Christian Chautauqua held at Ebenezer, June 15th-29th, were as follows:

Entering the Church on profession—Mr. Arthur Wyatt, Mrs. Arthur Wyatt, Miss Ruth Hunt, Miss Frances Oliver, Mr. Gilbert Bare, Mr. Wayne Bare.

Made profession, Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Brown.

The results of the Christian Chautauqua held at Peak Creek, July 3rd-17th, were as follows:

Entering the Church on profession—Mr. James Bowlin, Mr. Arthur Miller, Mr. Edwin Bare, Mr. William Bare, Mr. Worth Seagraves, Miss Fay Sheets, Miss Ina Jenkins, Miss Sabrina Perkins, Miss Dare Miller, Miss Johnsie Pendry, Miss Bernice Pendry.

Entering Church by statement—Mrs. Winnie McGrady, Mr. A. H. Younger, Mr. Ted Osborne, Miss Mona Shepherd, Miss Cleo Shepherd.

Made profession, Mr. Ernest Seagraves.

By profession earlier in summer—Mr. Mont Wellborn.

Professing faith and being baptized, not uniting with Church—Mr. John Andrew Cox.

The results of the Christian Chautauqua held at Bowie, August 23rd, to September 4th, were as follows:

Made profession but did not unite with Church—Miss Minnie Goodman, Miss Ennis Scott, Miss Ula Green, Miss Grace Lemly, Miss Effie Walker, Mr. J. M. Wellborn, Jr., Mr. James Burchett.

The following were received into the West Jefferson Church:

By profession of faith and baptism—Robert Gambill Barr, Miss Esca Naas, Mrs. Cazy Cooper, Carl Cooper, William Miller, Brice Woodie, Miss Mary Blevins, Miss Bertha Woodie, William Hash.

By profession of faith being children of the Covenant—Marjorie Naas, Marian Naas.

By letter and statement—Mrs. Bertie Barker, Cicero Blevins, Mrs. Cicero Blevins.

Langdon L. Scott was received by profession of faith and baptism into the Jefferson Presbyterian church.

The following were received into the Lansing church by profession of faith and baptism—Miss Ina Faw, Tracy Ballou.

Willie Weaver, a child of the Covenant, was received upon his profession of faith.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Q. Wilbar were received upon their statement of membership in a Presbyterian church in Texas.

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set in its place by the Building Committee: O. L. Naas, Chairman, R. C. Barr, E. C. Turner, Jr., and they were assisted by Rev. S. C. Blackburn, pastor of the Baptist church. Then these words were said: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this Corner-Stone of a house to be erected here under the name of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God."

Following this Dr. Foster made a most fitting and impressive address. Misses Mattie and Clara Perkins rendered a beautiful vocal selection.

Among the interested out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, M. W. Norfleet, Jr., Leon and Charles Norfleet and Rev. T. F. Haney, of Winston-Salem.

The work went steadily forward and the handsome walls of native stone (biotite granite) were the admiration of all who saw them. The church being on Jefferson Avenue, which is the main street of the town, and on the State Highway, has attracted attention of hundreds. There is a basement under the entire building with the exception of the part under the tower. This will be used for a furnace room and for a number of Sunday school rooms.

The auditorium will be ample for years to come. There is a balcony that will seat fifty or sixty people. Above the door on the outside of the wall in bas-relief is a handsome cross chiseled from the native stone.

On August 6th, the funds were exhausted and the work was halted. The side walls on each side have been completed. A good deal of stone has been laid in the gables and the tower.

The framing for the roof is on an adjoining lot. Much of the sheathing has been promised. Some good friends in Winston and other places have made it possible to begin the work anew. But not enough has been given to complete the building. We need roofing, windows, plastering, money for workmen.

We need this building for worship and for Religious Education. We need the financial aid of all who have not yet contributed. Our people here are doing what they can in gifts of labor, lumber and love. Rigid economy is being practiced.

Will you not, if you can, send a contribution to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C., saying that you want to have a share in finishing this monument erected to the glory of God for the use of His people? Use the printed subscription card on the front page. Do not let the workmen stop until the building is completed.

Help us BUILD FOR GOD—NOW!

The Methodists of West Jefferson are building a handsome and well apportioned church. The Baptists are planning to erect a new and needed Church home. Our prayers and best wishes are for our sister churches as they complete and begin to complete temples to the glory of God.

We are very much indebted to the Church of the Covenant, Rev. R. M. Williams, pastor, Greensboro, N. C., for their gift of a Communion Set. Also to the many ladies who have sent bags and boxes of clothing we are very grateful. They have helped to promote and finance our work to a great degree.

## Additional Blessing Bearers to the Work of the King- dom as We Build For God.

Since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian the following have made contributions to our building program:

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T. J. Graybeall and G. Vance Moretz have also made contributions.

The following workmen on the building have given a day's time: Eugene Bare, Everett Pou, R. L. Speaks, B. C. Miller, J. F. Richardson, T. L. Shatley, W. J. Roten, W. L. Hurley, Emery Hopkins, Charlie Huddler, Donald Naas, G. C. Pennington, J. W. Blevins, John McNeill, Robe Lewis, Will Houck, Gentry Lemly, Vergil Green.

Others have helped unload cars of sand; others have helped to haul rock, etc.

The Deep Gap Tie and Lumber Co. has made a contribution on freight from Deep Gap to Bowie.

Mr. D. A. Perkins has given a number of yards of sand.

W. J. Hudler has donated some blacksmithing.

The Farmers Hardware Co. has been quite generous with discounts.

The First National Bank has been very accommodating. And there are others who have hauled lumber and rock and have done other things.

The following have promised lumber: Will Burkett, C. R. Jackson, Wade Vanoy and T. P. Tudor.

For all of these gifts and helps we are profoundly grateful. And we are conscious that perhaps omissions are being made unconsciously. But as we find them acknowledgment will be made in a later issue. There are those who have helped to purchase the lots in West Jefferson and Lansing and their names will be published in the next issue.

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JEFFERSON, N. C., NOVEMBER, 1927

NUMBER 2

## PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

### Can Ye Read the Good Omen of a Thankful Heart?

By Rev. John W. Luke

"Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving," Ps. 147:7.

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," Matt. 12:34.

Jesus said "When it is evening, ye say, 'It will be fair weather: for the heaven is red and in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the heaven is red and lowring.' Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye canot discern the sigus of the times."

Can, ye, My Friend, discern the sigus of the sky and wheu the season of Thanksgiving is near, caunot discern the omen of a heart that is right with God by the glow of gratitude therein?

To have a thankful heart is a good indication that the man is right with his Maker. The great lovers of God that the world has seen have been men who are "giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Look back upon the pages of the world's history and see those who are with thankful hearts, men and women who have found their trust in God—David, Ezra, Daniel, Auna, Paul, and those that have been real people of God. The Lord Jesus Christ continually must have given thanks to God the Father, for He blesses the loaves and thausks God for them. He thanks God for the bread he eats. He thanks God for the end at the last supper. He thanks God for the prayer at Lazarus' grave is heard. Christ's attitude was that of habitual gratitude.

As we have seen the glowing sky is a sigu of the weather, let us also see what good things the glowing heart of gratitude indicates.

#### 1. A Thankful Heart is a Sign of Fellowship with God.

As the red hot iron shows that it has been in the presence of the fire, so the glowing heart shows the fellowship of the Father. It is an unhappy thought that the atheist does not have the pleasure of a Maker to be thankful to. There are always at least two parties where there is gratitude. The atheist is lonely and is like the cold peak that boldly and proudly points its icy finger toward the sky as if it were the creator of all. He is unhappy, "A slave is he who works alone." What a joy it is to know that to be thankful is to know

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### "If Ye Know These Things" Studied by Ashe Auxiliaries.

The first all-day group Study Class in Ashe County was held in the Jefferson Presbyterian church ou November 8th, when the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Lausing, West Jefferson and Jefferson Presbyterian churches came together to learu about the work in the Synod of North Carolina as it is presented in the book entitled "If Ye Know These Things"

Shortly after ten o'clock, the meeting was called to order by the President of the Jefferson Auxiliary, Mrs. R. H. Stone.

Rev. J. W. Luke led a short and impressive devotional from the text, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The introduction and first chapter of the study book was then presented by Miss Myrtle Williamsou. Information concerning Barium Springs was given by members of Mrs. Stone's Sunday School Class. Rev. R. H. Stone presented the Schools of the Synod, and Mr. A. R. Vail the Colleges. Extra Educational Institutions given by Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mrs. J. P. Colvard. A special feature of the morning was a solo by Mr. Luke. The morning session was adjourned after prayer by Mrs. T. C. Bowie.

After a delicious luncheon had been served in the McNeill Sunday School rooms, the study was continued. Mrs. O. L. Naas gave an account of Synod's Home Missions, and Mrs. E. C. Turner presented Presbyterian Home Missions

in an interesting way. The Girls' Circle of the Lansing Auxiliary had charge of the last two chapters and their presentation made a fitting climax for the day. Special features of the afternoon session were the solos by Miss Rose Colvard and Mrs. E. C. Turner.

There were about forty people who enjoyed this day of study together. All who attended felt that the day had been well spent and many expressed the desire that another phase of the Work of the Church be studied in like manner in the near future.

Since our last issue a number of friends have made some most helpful contributions to the work of the West Jefferson church. In the issue which comes in December their names will be published. But for their gifts the work would have continued at a stand still. The gifts are in answer to prayer.

**T**HIS space was reserved for a picture of the West Jefferson Church under construction. The photographe had been sent for but the clouds and rains prevented the making of a clear picture. We were so eager for you to see the progress made since last issue. We wanted to show you the rock work completed with the exception of the cap rocks on the walls, the roof framed and practically sheathed.

**I**t doesn't take a photograph to show that our funds are exhausted. Our needs are for money for roofing, windows, doors, plastering, flooring for basement and other interior finishing. Help us and we will give you a good picture next month.

#### UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

To be held in the West Jefferson Church on November 24th. Begins at 10:30 A. M. Popular, people's service. Sermon by Mr. Luke. Dinner in basement. Afternoon: Men of Church hold their quarterly business and inspirational meeting. Women hold devotional meeting. Children have their separate meeting, too.

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**Editorial**

As a Church within the county we have more for which to be thankful than on any other Thanksgiving within our history. The reasons for this are many. The great Head of the Church has used us this year in bringing in more souls than ever before. It has been a great year of evangelism. We are so grateful to God for the many friends who have come to our rescue with their money to erect our new church. It will stand as a monument to the liberality and unselfishness of God's people. We are thankful for the new church. One of the greatest blessings God has sent us during the year is Rev. John W. Luke, a zealous, consecrated leader. And we are thankful that our people are responding to his leadership. We are grateful for progress all along the various lines of endeavor and for all of those making it possible.

We do "praise God from whom all blessings flow" with our hearts as well as with our lips.

There are modest people who do not like the mention of personalities. But no record of our new church is complete without the mention of those who have not only given their money, but have given of their time and of their best judgment, have given themselves to the building for God. We must mention Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norfleet and Mr. R. C. Norfleet. This is a quartet to whom we shall ever be indebted. They have always responded to our call for help.

There are services held in the West Jefferson Church every Sunday night at 7:00 P. M. We are glad to announce that Miss Myrtle Williamson is conducting the services on each second and third Sunday night. The usual morning worship at 11:00 A. M., on the fourth Sunday.

On November 13th, Miss Carrie May was received into the West Jefferson church by profession of faith and baptism. A cordial welcome to her.

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**Remember Our Orphans**

We should ever be mindful that we share the parental responsibility of 370 children at Barium Springs. Our Synod is caring for them in a fine way through those whom Mr. Johnston has assisting him in the great work. It is not only food and clothing and education that we give—but a sure enough home life, an education and a training to meet the world, a vision and a Christian education.

It is a great institution of which our Synod and every member who knows of it is proud. This Thanksgiving they actually NEED \$100,000.00. They ought to have every cent of it and every Presbyterian within the Synod ought to have a part. Let us make it all we can. Let us sacrifice, if need be. It will make you feel good. Remember Barium in a fine way!

**Boy Scouts at Bowie**

The boys of Bowie have become interested in forming a troop of Scouts. Three patrols were organized and the attendance has averaged around fifteen boys every Friday evening. Mr. Moretz of Bowie has given the scouts the free use of one of his rooms, and the troop is planning to make a regular den out of the room. We need pictures and other furnishings for a boy scout room. Other needs are bugle and flag of the United States.

As yet the scouts have not gotten their charter from the National Headquarters, but preparation is being made for the same. A Scout Committee is now functioning consisting of Mr. Walker, Chairman, Mr. Vance Lemly, and Mr. Charles Williams. These men represent the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches respectively.

Rev. John W. Luke has been acting as Scoutmaster under the authority of the Scout Committee.

**Special Days Observed**

Rally Day was observed in each of the Sunday schools and the report is as follows:

Obids -----	70	\$4.75
Ebenezer -----	100	2.94
Peak Creek -----	100	3.32
Jefferson -----	40	4.00
West Jefferson -----	43	4.89
Lausing -----	78	4.15

On Presbyterian Standard Day an offering was taken at West Jefferson and \$4.85 was given. The Jefferson Sunday School gave the program on Assembly's Home Missions and an offering of more than \$5.00 was given to that great cause. Their offering on the last fifth Sunday was sent to Barium.

**Painting, and Heating**

The church at Obids needed painting badly, and the members and friends of the community have responded heartily to its needs. It is over half finished. We need only a little more good weather and time to complete the work.

The Lord offered us two furnaces when we asked for one, so Peak Creek Church has accepted one and is far on the way of installation of the splendid little pipeless furnace given by Capt. E. S. Reynolds of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Geo. A. Mebane offered another to us, but it was considered too large for the four rooms to be heated, and we are preparing for a smaller pipeless furnace which we trust the Lord will send us. This is greatly needed at Ebeneezer as a new Sunday School room has been completed and as yet we have no way for heating.

We are thankful to the Lord for sending us the help we have received. We thank also from the bottom of our hearts, those who have helped us paint at Obids, those who are working at Ebeneezer and Peak Creek for installation of heating plants, those who have done hauling, those who have helped us financially. We wish you all a Thanksgiving full of blessings and a heart full of love to the Lord.

**Boys and Girls Aid Their Little Mexican Sister**

The boys and girls who brought their offerings to the tent in the Bible School this summer will be interested in a part of the letter which came from Rev. O. C. Williamson, a missionary in Mexico, where Paula lives:

"Your letter with the check for \$19.00, the offerings of the children, for Paula Reyes, came this morning. I hasten to send through you our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of the contributors. The money will be very welcome, as she is an orphan. A very fine girl who is worthy of their help."

This money will be used for the tuition in school. The boys and girls in the six chautauquas gave the money.

The young people of the Ebeneezer, Jefferson, West Jefferson and Peak Creek communities greatly enjoyed the Hallowe'en parties which were given for them around the time of All Saints Day, by the pastors and congregations of their churches. Plans are being made for similar good times in the Lausing and Obids churches. The young people of Ashe represent the Church's greatest wealth. The Presbyterian Church believes in its young people and tries to offer them a four-fold program in its services.

## Subscribers to the Purchase of Church Lots

Those first to make glad our hearts when we began to buy the lots for the church at West Jefferson and Lansing, are as follows:

"We, the undersigned, being interested in the building of a Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson, do hereby contribute the amount set opposite our names."

R. C. Barr, Mrs. T. P. Tudor, Miss Annie Walker, O. L. Naas, R. H. Stone, W. J. Price, Mrs. W. J. Price, Mrs. Lucy Shotwell, Miss Gray Greene, Miss C. McLaurin, Mrs. W. T. Stockwell, P. T. McNeill, Fred N. Colvard, J. F. Dillard, Mrs. T. C. Bowie, R. B. Brown, W. T. Stockwell, North Wilkesboro Church, Miss Louise Green, Gillespie-Shields, Miss Lena Kirk, Mrs. O. L. Naas, Auxiliary, Winston-Salem First Church, Rogersville, Tennessee Friends, C. D. Scott, W. E. McNeill, J. E. Luther, Woman's Auxiliary of the West Jefferson Church, Miss Myrtle Williamson.

"We, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe the amount set opposite our names for the purchase of the Childers Lot (in Lansing) for the erection of a Presbyterian Church."

J. W. Hudler, A. J. Ham, J. O. Stansberry, A. S. Eller, James Wright, C. L. Duncan, Theodore Hudler, Raymond Chidlers, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox, V. R. Wood, French Young, F. H. Scott, Anna Mae Atchley, Mattie Perkins, Clara Perkins, Mr. McFarlane, F. R. Joes, J. W. Hampton, Mr. Sherwood, H. W. Owen, A. H. Campbell, Elbert McCarter, Mrs. Elbert McCarter, B. W. Graybeal, R. F. Barr, S. H. Hatfield, C. E. Carty, R. H. Stone, Mrs. Luther Miller, J. N. Harshaw, H. A. Eller, Mrs. Ella Goss, C. L. Goss, J. A. Goss, Mrs. Maude Goss, C. E. Welch, J. M. Warren, G. C. Segraves, Hattie Ham, F. A. Clark, J. R. Grier, Friend, Mrs. R. E. Farmer, R. E. Farmer.

Thanks to those aiding West Jefferson Church:

The following have furnished the sheathing for the roof:

Messrs. Wade Vaunoy, William Burkett, T. P. Tudor, W. L. Deut, C. R. Jackson, and B. H. Richards.

Mr. D. P. Waugh ran all of this lumber through his planing mill gratis. The following donated the hauling of the sheathing: Dollar Bros., Woodies Transfer, Ballard Faw, Carl Miller, Bare-Little Co., Farmers Hardware Co., and McGuire Bros. The truck of Bare-Little Co., operated by Mr. Arthur Huddler, has hauled a great many rock from the quarry.

Win Pennington gave day's work at the quarry.

Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Williamson recently visited Miss Myrtle Williamson, who is a sister of the former. While in the County Mr. Williamson preached twice in the West Jefferson church. Both sermons were greatly enjoyed. Very soon Mr. and Mrs. Williamson will sail for Brazil, where they join the missionary forces of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

## Lansing Hostess to Group Conference

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lansing Presbyterian Church was hostess to group Number Five, of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial on October 7. About thirty-five women gathered in the temporary church at Lansing for a program which was inspiring, educational and social.

Mrs. Chas. Norfleet, Presbyterial President, led the program after Mrs. T. C. Bowie, District Chairman, had called the meeting to order and dispensed with a few routine matters. Various Cause secretaries told of the progress made in their departments and Mrs. Norfleet gave an inspirational address.

After a delicious picnic luncheon, devotional for the afternoon session was led by Mrs. John Irwin, of Asheville and Dr. R. E. McAlpine, of Japan, gave a most interesting address on the results of his forty-two years as a missionary in that country.

The day was a great blessing for all who attended.

When the Lansing Sunday School was one year old the total attendance was 2,660 and the offerings totaled \$62.47. This Sunday school meets at 2:30 p. m., and Miss Myrtle Williamson is superintendent.

## The Lord's Chickens at Obids

Nine girls and one boy are leading the way in stewardship for the Lord. They each have secured a chicken and gone into partnership with the Lord. They can now put up their shingle with advertisement such as this "The Lord and I Chicken Establishment." Those who have entered the partnership are Ola McNeill, Belva Baker, Josephine McNeill, Florence Ashley, Foy Parsons, Ruby Parsons, Pearl McNeill, Pearl Parsons, Floy Spears, Virginia Miller. "A child shall lead them." Will you follow in some form of definite stewardship?

Some of our pulpits have been most acceptably filled by Rev. S. L. Hunter, the popular minister of Glade Valley, Sparta, and Rocky Ridge, who exchanged pulpits one Sunday.

In October, Rev. W. M. Hunter, of Davidson, Chairman of Synod's Schools and Colleges, came to us and preached three times. All heard him gladly as he told of our educational institutions and of the imperative need of Christian education.

We will be happy to have the Hunters' visit our county again.

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JEFFERSON, N. C.

**Can Ye Read the Good Omen of a Thankful Heart?**

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that another glowing heart has warmed yours; but what a greater joy to know that the most Gracious of all hearts, the King of hearts, has sent the heat of gratitude pulsing into your life.

**2. A Thankful Heart is a Sign of Victory**

The grateful heart is an indication that the soul has been made happy because something has been done for it. You do not find men thankful unless something has been done to make them so. Ten lepers were healed and one turned back and offered his humble thanks for the cleasing. If there had been no healing, there would have been no thanks. Paul feeling the victory over sin in his life turned his whole life in devoted and grateful service to his Benefactor, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The heart warm with gratitude not only indicates that there has been a Gracious Friend, but this Gracious Friend has accomplished something for the soul—perhaps work done, or victory over sin, or healing from sickness, or sympathy in the time of need. We should be willing to joy with him who is thankful, for accomplishment and victory has entered his experience, which are gifts which are by no means bare of the Giver. Paul said in I Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**3. A Thankful Heart is a Sign of Future Hope.**

Not only does past accomplishment make a man thankful, but the promise of future victory does the same. When one once feels the presence of the Great Friend of Sinners, he has come to know One who will not leave him, and it gives a comforting, and bright hope for the future. A hope that is a drawing star for further progress and to safety. The prophetess Anna, when she saw the little boy Savior in the temple, "gave thanks unto God" for she was confident that her hope for Israel was bright. God had indicated to her in some way that this one held the power of perfect salvation within his grasp. Many prophets and men of God thanked the Father for the hope of the coming Savior. Today a Christian may be thankful because his Savior is powerful enough to complete the work of salvation started in his life here on earth. "Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" so "Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving," "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Is your heart glowing because of the fellowship with a Gracious God? Is your life full of devoted service and thanksgiving gifts because He has brought about victory in your life forever? Do your lips speak, and sing because your heart is overflowing with gratitude in this Thanksgiving Season?

An Ashe County Club has been organized at Glade Valley with Miss Ruth Bowlin as the first President. The purpose of this club, although as yet not published, is pretty generally understood to interest boys and girls of Ashe County in receiving a Christian High School Education which Glade Valley affords.

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## The Birthday of the King

Marked by Development in Ashe

The year 1927 is drawing to a close; the angel's song will echo in many hearts this Christmas in thankfulness for the advance of the Kingdom in the Presbyterian church in Ashe County. In no year in its history has such progress been made; neither at any time has the outlook for the future been brighter. The new pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke has been an answer to prayer; his consecration, friendliness and fine spirit of service have endeared him to all who know him. The houses of worship are being made more beautiful, more comfortable and more modern in equipment. The people are growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

**Jefferson:** The church at Jefferson is growing in zeal and consecration. The attendance for the Sunday and Wednesday evening services have increased. A choir has been organized and, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Stone, is not only adding beauty to the worship in the church at Jefferson, but is also helping in special services in the other churches of the county. The Woman's Auxiliary is a working force for good; in October, an all-day Study Class was held for the women from Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing. One new member has been received into the church by profession of faith and baptism.

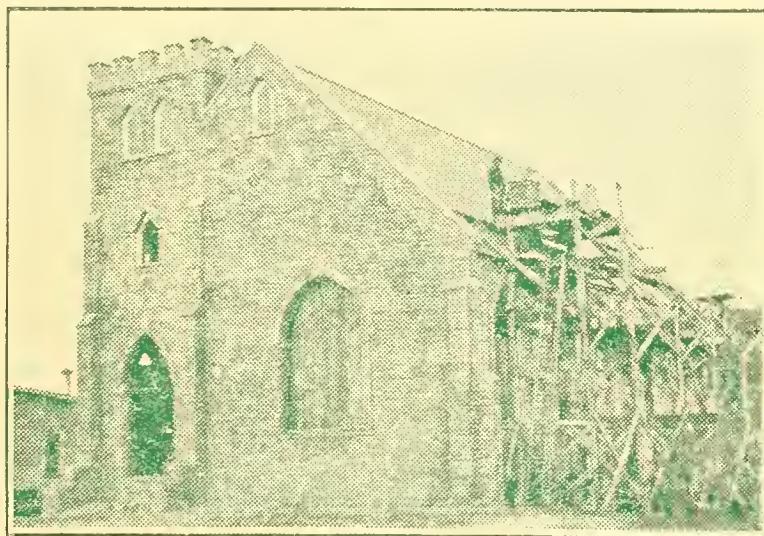
**West Jefferson:** The erection of the new church at West Jefferson is a source of constant thanksgiving; as the work goes forward, the hearts of the people rejoice that the Lord's House is to be a thing of beauty. As the visible church has grown, so has the membership increased; three have come into membership by letter and statement, twelve by profession of faith. The wealth of the West Jefferson church is in her young people; these young folks are planning to join with those of the Jefferson church in organizing, on January 1st, a young people's society; the Christian Endeavor topics combined with the work of our own denomination will be used; (Continued to Page 3)

## THE WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH

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## HERE ARE THE FACTS!

Some facts are due those who have made this building possible. \$8,845.83 has been sent to the local treasurer. A partial report of disbursements follow: \$4,800.59 was disbursed for payrolls and the superintendent; \$120.00 for architect's plans; \$364.22 for building tile; \$99.57 for sand (more than six car loads were used); corner-stone \$38.00; freight on tiling, sand and lumber, \$808.78; the Department of Revenue came in for \$25.75; \$467.41 for lumber; hauling and trucking, \$52.61 in addition to the expense of running our truck; 1675 bags of cement were used—which is nearly three cars; tons of rock were laid in the walls; many prayers have been offered for the building; sacrificial gifts have been received; people locally have given money, labor, hauling, and materials of various kinds; counting Circles and Bible Classes as units, 278 people have made cash contributions; 145 of these live in Winston-Salem; the contributors live in six States. (Continued to Page 2)

## Thanksgiving Service in the New Church

The large crowd of worshippers who gathered from all parts of the county on Thanksgiving to keep holy day in the new, unfinished Presbyterian church of West Jefferson seemed unanimous in their feeling that every day of the year must be a thanksgiving day if proper gratitude is to be shown for the numberless blessings given by God to this part of His vineyard.

From dawn on Thanksgiving day until time for the service faithful workers were striving to make the building comfortable for the first service held under its unfinished roof. The widows were temporarily covered and stoves installed; potted plants gave beauty to the room. The happy faces of men, women and children filled the auditorium.

Mr. J. C. Crawford, president of the Men-of-the-Church conducted the services of the day. After a song service, led by Mr. Luke, the opportunity was given for individual testimony of thankfulness to God. From all parts of the building, men and women, boys and girls and little children arose to tell the things for which they were thankful. This feature of the day was a great blessing and many eyes were wet with happy tears for God's goodness. Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Mr. Luke on the subject "Where are the Nine?" A special feature of the morning was the music by the Jefferson choir while the offering was being made for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home.

Picnic dinner was served in the basement and an hour of good fellowship was enjoyed with the feast of good things.

In the afternoon the Men-of-the-Church held their annual inspirational and business meeting in the basement. The women gathered in the main auditorium for a worship service and a talk on "Why Women Should be Thankful," by Miss Williamson; the children and Mrs. Stone had a delightful hour of stories and games on the empty lot across the street.

The day marked the ending of another year so rich in blessings from God that gratitude could not be expressed. Outstanding in the numbering of blessings was the gratitude for the advance of the Kingdom, for the results of the Christian Chautauqua, for the new church at West Jefferson, for the new pastor, for Mr. Stone's untiring efforts, and for all the workers in the churches. The day was rich in fellowship between man and man, and man and God.

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**Editorial**

As we approach the Christmas season and the end of the year we take stock of the blessings we have received. It is a profitable, but overwhelming, experience to attempt to count them. But in this exercise we "see what God hath done."

An enumeration of them here cannot be attempted. But faithful and witnessing ones have been added to the faithful membership. God has answered prayer in sending Mr. Luke. And the Church pictured on the front page is in direct answer to prayer. In the building of it many fine spiritual lessons have been learned. Often there has come the time when any further advance could be only on faith. We have gone to God in prayer—and funds have come in with which to pay the bills and to continue to go forward. This was especially so in regard to the roof. The walls were up—the roof framed—and winter almost in sight. But no funds. On faith the roofing was purchased, and Mr. Carl W. Harris, of Winston-Salem, was glad to give it.

And this lesson has been gleaned: That when people of means can be shown a definite need they will respond most liberally. The church at West Jefferson and a deposit for the one at Lansing are testimonies to this fact.

So out of a heart of joy and thankfulness to our readers and benefactors we wish for you a merry and a real Christmas. And may the joy you have given us during 1927 be multiplied many times for you during 1928.

The King's Birthday! What is your gift to the King?

On the third Sunday in November, Rev. E. W. Thompson, of Glade Valley, preached an excellent sermon from the pulpit of the Jefferson church. It is acclaimed to be the best sermon he ever preached. His text was "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation." He rang true to the fundamentals.

**Young Presbyterian Holds National Honor**

The Davidsonian, one of the leading college weeklies of the South, tells of an honor that has recently come to M. W. Norfleet, Jr. He holds the national record for the Intelligence Test given the Freshmen Classes. It is possible to make 220 points. Mr. Norfleet scored 215. In this exceedingly high score he broke the world's record which is 214. This latter score is held jointly by another Davidson student and a student of the University of Washington.

The national Intelligence Champion of the colleges and universities needs no introduction to many people of Ashe County. For two summers he has been in Christian Chautauqua work with us. We take off



M. W. NORFLEET, JR.

our hats to our young friend. Often we have marvelled at the enormous amount of information that furnished his mind. There is scarcely a subject one can mention that he doesn't know a great deal about. Several times we have found him studying the Confession of Faith or found it open on his cot in the tent.

Those of us who know his Godly parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, and their princely home, know that he has a great heritage with which to begin. But "M. W." (as we know him) has not sold his birthright. Though only about seventeen he is and has been an inveterate reader and a lover of music. He takes advantage of the opportunities for knowledge as they come. Tennyson would describe him as a "spirit yearning in desire to follow knowledge like a sinking star beyond the utmost bound of human thought."

He is a "good mixer" and is quite popular with young and old wherever he goes. His heart is big, and his soul is great. After finishing Davidson he is looking forward to entering a theological Seminary of our Church. Happy is the Church that has young life of this caliber entering her ministry.

A great many subscriptions are expiring with this issue. If it is yours, will you kindly renew? Subscribe for nine friends. We need your dime—but we need your dollar ten times more.

To our young people away in school and college, we want to say that we are glad that Christmas is no near, for it means you will be with us in Ashe again. We love you and are often thinking of you.

Will our readers keep in mind that our advertisers are doing us a great service. If you enjoy the paper, thank them, for they make it possible. Kindly mention the fact that you saw their ad. in **The Ashe Presbyterian**.

Let us ever be mindful of the fact that Christmas has "Christ" in it. It is the birthday of our King. And as we commemorate His birthday, may it be so faithful that it will be a communion. He wants us to have a good time, but in a way that is pleasing to the Host.

Since our last issue Mrs. Mary Williams, of Fleetwood, has been transferred to the Church Triumphant. She was a member of the Jefferson church. Our hearts in loving sympathy go out to the bereaved ones.

The death of Vergie Bare, a beloved member of the Ebenezer Sunday School, was a great shock to the community and to all who knew and loved Vergie. Our sympathy is likewise extended to the father, Mr. Jordan Bare, and the other members of the bereaved family.

On Thanksgiving night the manse dwellers heard a blending of voices in "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and upon opening the door the porch and walk were seen filled with members of the Jefferson and West Jefferson churches. Their arms were laden with good things for the pantry. It was a real pounding. It was thought that the pantry would have to be enlarged to care for the many things being brought by loving hearts to care for their ministerial family. Bless their hearts!

**Send The Ashe Presbyterian to Ten of Your Friends for a Christmas Gift!**

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The Building Committee consists of Messrs. O. L. Naas, Chairman; R. C. Barr and E. C. Turner, Jr. Each of these gentlemen has rendered a fine service. Mr. Naas was superintendent of the construction. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Mr. M. W. Norfleet and Rev. R. H. Stone compose the Advisory Committee.

\$3000.00 is needed to finish and furnish this adequate and modern Church structure.

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this society will belong to the young people; Miss Williamson will assist with advice when necessary. The Woman's Auxiliary, under Mrs. T. C. Bowie's leadership is growing steadily in interest and in efficiency.

**Lansing:** The people of the Lansing church are working to finish paying for their church lot; plans are being made to begin the building of the new church in the Spring. There have been two additions to church membership by letter and three upon profession of faith. The services on Sunday and Tuesday evenings are well attended; a peculiar opportunity is given in the mid-week meeting for touching lives from many sections of the county, for the high school students form a large part of the congregation. In October the Woman's Auxiliary was hostess to Group No. Five of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian. The officers and teachers of the Sunday School have united with those of the Methodist church in "The Officers and Teachers Union of Lansing;" this organization, of which Mr. Charles Bumgarner is President, meets each fourth Sunday evening in one of the churches; Miss Williamson is leading a study class in "How to Teach Religion." A new preaching point has been established just beyond Lansing at Sabbath Home.

We are certain that the churches of all denominations are making progress for the Prince on this His 1927th celebration. The Presbyterian Church, however, is developing in material ways. Above information will show you of the progress made in the West Jefferson, Jefferson, and Lansing churches. The three sister churches to these are Obids, Ebenezer, and Peak Creek.

**Obids:** As you circle the bend on Beaver Creek road just before you reach Colvard's store, a shining white church flashes into view on the hillside to your right. This is Obids church. Its whiteness is due to a double coat of paint put on by the members and other friends of the community. We have other dreams, too. They are not of marble halls, but a new roof, a newly painted ceiling, walls and benches, concrete steps, a belfry and the silver tones of a bell, inviting the people of the hillsides to worship.

**Ebenezer:** The Lord said let there be light, and with it came heat. Ebenezer is now trying to get their share of this heat. A wide excavation under the Sunday School Annex, dug by the interested men of the community, yawns for a new furnace which has been ordered, to be placed in its throat. Offer up prayers for us, and send us a little money and you will help meet the taste of this yawning throat. A pile of brick and other material will soon be shaped into a brick chimney and a soapstone fireplace by skilled hands. The

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Gillespie Sunday School Annex is new and its sides have just been furnished with a double coat of white paint. Rev. R. H. Stone has been good to us, too, for Elder Don Bare, not so long ago came home loaded high with new chairs bought and given to by the Reverend. We are very grateful for this splendid and needed gift. Other repairs are in view. Lumber is on hand ready to be put in place in repairing the belfry. We have future plans also, but space will not allow us to vision them to you.

**Peak Creek:** Although spoken of last, is not least in progress. Another yawning, freshly dug cellar is eager for its prey—a pipeless furnace—which lies at its mouth. A few days will see it in action. In preparing for this furnace, a chimney stands, newly built on the east side of the church. Peak Creek has dreams for the future, also. The notes of a bell, in our imagination, peal from the belfry—some day we shall have this bell if the Lord is willing. Peak Creek is a new church, and we are anxious to surround its splendid site with a convenient road and beautiful yard.

Thanks to all who have so graciously dug, hauled, given, lent, and encouraged the work on these churches of God. God bless you! Help us, and we will help ourselves.

### Christmas Church Directory

**Ebenezer**—22nd, 2:00 p. m. Pageant “In Search of Happiness,” and a Christmas Tree. Christmas story by Miss Williamson.

**Jefferson**—22nd, 7:00 p. m. A Christmas Exercise by the Sunday School. Christmas Tree.

**Peak Creek**—23rd, 7:30 p. m. Pageant, “The Dawning of Hope,” (written by Rev. J. W. Luke) and a Christmas Tree.

**Lansing**—23rd, 6:30 p. m. Christmas Exercise by the Sunday School and a Christmas Tree.

**Obids**—24th, 2:00 p. m. Pageant, “In Search of Happiness,” and a Christmas Tree.

**West Jefferson**—24th, 7:00 p. m. Christmas Exercise by the Sunday School and a Christmas Tree.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Lansing**—11:00 a. m., Christmas Sermon. 3:00 p. m., Sunday School and Pageant, “Gifts for the King,” (a vocational exercise written by Miss Myrtle Williamson) Music by the Jefferson Choir.

**West Jefferson**—7:00 p. m. Service of Worship. Pageant, “Gifts for the King.” Special music by the Jefferson Choir.

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## Two Successful Church Schools of Missions

The Presbyterian church in Ashe County has a great many things for which to be thankful. The least of these is not the School of Missions, which were held for the churches at Lansing and the Jeffersons! The splendid attendance, the spirit of the classes, the interest in the advancement of the Kingdom and many other evidences of the Spirit's blessing in these study periods call forth grateful thanksgiving.

The attendance of the school for the Jeffersons' churches was splendid; the classes were held in the New West Jefferson church which could not always be made comfortably warm; in spite of this, sixty were enrolled in the three classes from the two churches whose combined resident membership numbers about fifty-four; the average attendance was thirty-six and eighteen certificates were awarded to those who had not missed a class period.

The total enrollment in the Lansing church (whose membership numbers thirty-three) was one hundred and one; the average attendance of forty-nine and two-thirds would probably have been doubled had not the weather been most unfavorable, the mud much in evidence, and an epidemic of mumps and measles infecting the town. For the service on Sunday night the small, temporary church was so crowded that several people could not find seats.

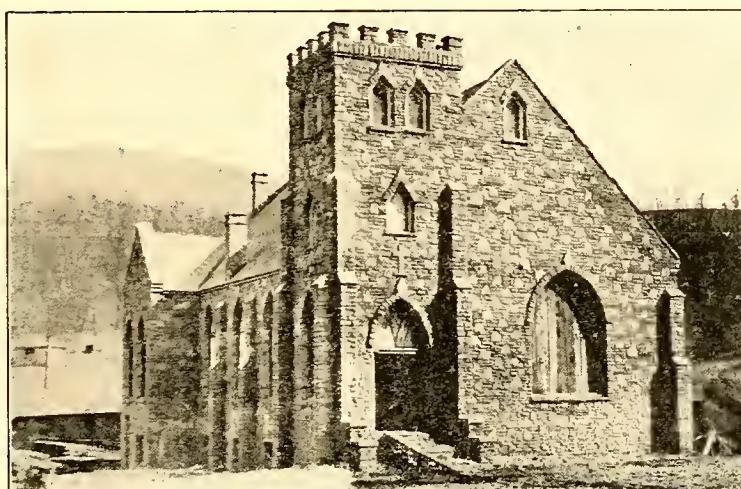
In each of these schools three classes were held: "New Path for Old Purposes" was the text book for the adult class with Rev. R. H. Stone as teacher. "The Story of Missions" was the back-ground for the discussion of the young people's group, under the direction of Miss Myrtle Williamson; Mrs. R. H. Stone and the Juniors found "Please Stand By" most interesting and helpful. At both places several people were heard expressing the wish that the school might continue a month at least.

Rev. John W. Luke assisted Rev. S. L. Hunter in a series of evangelistic services at Glade Valley beginning the 18th of March.

## West Jefferson Church Awaits Completion

Isn't it lovely? We are asking you about our church below. With the exception of the front doors it looks just like this today. You don't know how proud we are of it.

Go with us on the inside. It is floored with number one maple 1½-inches wide which is made possible by the Diebold-Hassinger Corporation, of Damascus, Va. It is ceiled with number one Alabama or Georgia pine made possible by our faith in a faithful member. But all about us we see needs. The front window and the rear and some side windows are needed.



The plaster needs to come on. We need some additional doors and stairs to the balcony. The woodwork needs to be painted or varnished. In the basement the rocks have been beaten into the clay and the cinders are there to cover them. It needs a concrete floor and some plastering and partitioning off of the rooms. You would dread to see our young people having their meetings on these rough stones.

We need electric fixtures and plumbing and fixtures for two wash rooms. The estimated need in money to have it ready for dedication is \$2,300.00. Our goal is to invite Presbytery to meet with us in September and to have a great day of rejoicing then as it is dedicated. You probably can make a large gift or what you would call a modest one. Every bit helps and sends it on. All gifts look good to us.

On March 1st, one hundred letters of appeal for funds went out. We expected

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## Everything Bright at Lansing

On Christmas Day Prof. and Mrs. Isom Miller came into the membership of the Lansing Presbyterian Church by statement. L. Blain Miller was received upon profession of faith and baptism. On the fourth Sunday in February Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ham were received into the church upon their statement. There are others who have signified their intention of coming in at an early date.

As the church grows in membership it grows in influence. The people of Lansing who do not belong to our church say that the church is doing a great work.

The work of the church is greatly handicapped because of inadequate facilities. The one room is not nearly large enough and is not adapted for serving large congregations.

But we are looking forward to overcoming this within the near future. It is hoped that actual construction of the new church will begin not later than May 1st. In all probability the round, smooth stone will be used. They are found in great quantities in Helton Creek. This will give the Montreat effect. The citizens of the town and surrounding community have volunteered a great deal of

labor when this work of construction begins.

Recent and unpublished contributors to the Lansing Church Lot fund are: Messrs. E. E. Johnson, P. G. Wright (Tuckerdale), H. W. Spencer, Victor Clark, W. W. Webb, (Roanoke, Va.) Oliver Ham, J. B. Hash, Vaughn Bowlin, Ed Eller, Blain Miller, Prof. and Mrs. Isom Miller, and Mr. Richardson.

Our gratitude goes out to them.

## Work In the County Jail

On each Sunday a Sunday school class is conducted in the County Jail. Several of the men take an active interest in the lessons. The members of the Jefferson choir have gone and conducted, in addition, a song service, which is greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Magazines and papers are, from time to time, supplied.

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### A Challenge

A great many of us will soon be going to Presbytery to attend to the duties and the privileges our Lord has laid upon us. In the **British Weekly** of a year ago Canon T. Guy Rogers, the Rector of Birmingham, writes, in speaking of the meeting in his city of the Free Church Council:

"I see it as a great Free Church Congress meeting in Birmingham, seeking to stimulate the spiritual life of the city in which it meets and to make its contribution to the life of the Church as a whole."

As we read these lines we pondered a bit. How is it in the American Presbyteries? Do we seek "to stimulate the spiritual life of the city" or town or country place in which we meet? Would it not be helpful both to Presbytery and to the town should we go there with a passion for the saving of the lost and a quickening and deepening of the spiritual life of the Christian bodies? An experiment might demonstrate what blessings there are in the riches of His Grace.

### The Difference

There is a tendency today to take God out of the school room and out of history. Here is what an old history records: "The Rev. Samuel Doak, the pioneer missionary of the Watauga settlements, was present. The stern, hardy, stalwart men, 'True lightwood at heart,' bowed their heads in reverence while the good man recounted to God the dangers with which they were threatened from the marauding hosts of the British in their front and the barbarous savage, little less wicked in their rear, and repeating the promises of mercy with which the Word of God abounded, he earnestly plead for protection and safety, in this time of need, and for guidance and victory to those who were marching to defend their homes and their families. As he proceeded his voice faltered but his faith grew stronger. Tears stole down the furrows of the rough-skinned men of

the forest but their faith was strengthened. The preparation was over, the march was begun.

"The prayer was recorded in heaven. The answer came through fire and smoke of battle on King's Mountain. Its voice was heard above the rattle of British muskets out of the rifle's shrill crack on the ascending height."

—Scheneck's **North Carolina 1780-'81**.

No doubt many of our forebears were in the Army spoken of. We are glad that they were men who believed in prayer and were led in prayer and moved by prayer. We are glad that the historian gives the eternal things their proper place in this great and readable book. Historians of today would do well to follow some of the models of generations ago.

Great things come to those who put GOD FIRST.

As we go to press the results of the Every-Member Canvass are incomplete and no statement can be made. But in every church the canvass was being made or preparations made for it. Perhaps this will be the best canvass in the history of our churches. Our people are in the main glad to fall into line with what the Assembly, Synod and Presbytery request.

This year the Southern Presbyterian Church is asking for Benevolences, \$4,459,475.00. The Synod is asked to raise a proportional part. Synod in turn asked each Presbytery to raise a definite portion of its Askings. Presbytery passes on the request to the churches to raise so much of what is asked of it. So if we fail—there is failure all along the line.

In the name of Christ let us make this the best year in this regard. Let the motive for our stewardship be "that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (I Peter 4:11)

There is a fine old elder belonging to one of our churches who prays for his church every night. What an inspiration to know that there is one praying daily. Is it any wonder that the church to which he belongs is growing in influence and membership? May his tribe increase. He can't attend the services very often—but more often he renders the church a service in his petitions.

Would you really like to help? Do you long for some spiritual service to do? Are you hungering and thirsting for activity in the Lord's work? If so—pray for us. We need your prayers. Ask for God's blessing upon the things committed to our care. Why not begin now to ask especially for His blessing upon the Christian Chautauqua. If it is a success—you may be one who prayed it through.

### Why Not Caldwell College?

Our Synod is going to establish a Junior College for Boys at Maxton. Of this we are glad. Doubtless many are wondering what name it shall have. Davidson is named for a great Revolutionary warrior. And under this name and with the spirit of the dauntless one has gone on to great things.

We cast our ballot for a name bearing "Caldwell College." This is in honor of a great educator of our Church—Reverend David Caldwell, D. D., who came to North Carolina in 1764. Later he was installed pastor of Buffalo and Alamance churches. Rev. Wm. Henry Foote in his "Sketches of North Carolina," gives some most interesting lights on his life. Having spoken of his, by necessity, purchasing a farm he says, "He commenced, too, at his house a classical school. \* \* \* This was the second classical school of permanence, and perhaps the first in usefulness, in the upper part of Carolina. \* \* \* Delighting in the employment of teacher, having a peculiar tact for the management of boys, and being thorough in his course of instruction, his school flourished, and was the means, during the long period of its continuance, of bringing more men into the learned professions than any other taught by a single individual or a succession of teachers during the same period of time. Five of his scholars became Governors of States; a number were promoted to the bench \* \* \* a large number, supposed about fifty, became ministers of the Gospel \* \* \* a large number were physicians and lawyers. Of those whose names have been mentioned as eminent, most, if not all, received their entire classical education from him, and the ministers of the gospel, in addition to that, their theological education; so that, for a long time, his school was academy, college and theological seminary. \* \* \* His students loved, revered and obeyed him."

Why should not our Synod do honor to the memory of this great pioneer in classical education? A no more fitting monument could be erected to carry out the ideals of this man than that of Caldwell College. Will those to whom the privilege of naming this institution is committed think on these things?

Recently we sent out an S.O.S. appeal for **The Ashe Presbyterian**. The response was most gratifying. Quite a number of dollars and subscriptions came to us. Perhaps there are others who want to answer the appeal. If you did not get a letter, send us a dollar and ten names, to whom we will send our paper for one year.

## Young People of the Jeffersons are Organized

The young people of the Jefferson and West Jefferson Presbyterian churches have organized a society which is called the "P. Y. P. L." or Presbyterian Young People's League. The League meets at West Jefferson on Sunday evening just before the evening service and the young folks seem thoroughly to enjoy the programs even though they are handicapped by the unfinished condition of the basement where the meetings are held. In spite of the fact that in this new year the church has lost, by removal to other States, eleven of its leading young people, the League is carrying on in a way that gives promise of great things in the future.

## Auxiliary Elections

February is the month of election of officers in the Woman's Auxiliary. The future of the three societies in Ashe County is indeed bright if one may judge from the list of capable and consecrated leaders who have control of their activities for the coming year. The following are the officers since the election:

### JEFFERSON

President—Mrs. R. H. Stone.  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. F. Scott.

Secretary—Mrs. J. P. Colvard.  
Treasurer—Mrs. James McNeill.

### WEST JEFFERSON

President—Mrs. T. C. Bowie.  
Vice-President—Mrs. T. P. Tudor.  
Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Turner.  
Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. Price.

### LANSING

President—Mrs. J. M. Warren.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Ernest C. Carty.  
Secretary—Miss Lily Baugess.  
Treasurer—Mrs. I. S. Miller.

## Men-of-the-Church Meeting

A committee consisting of Mr. Vail, Revs. Stoue and Luke was appointed to plan for the next meeting of the Men-of-the-Church on the last Friday of March.

Men! Let's have perfect attendance on March 30th, 2:30 p. m., in the Jefferson church. We are planning to have Mr. Richard Luke give us a special music program, also a report by Rev. Stone on the Sprunt Lectures which he will attend, beginning March 21st, to 28th. Where is the life in you, men? The winter's over, let's come out of our holes and hold some evangelistic services, and put something across.

## Furnaces at Ebenezer and Peak Creek Churches

Much has been said about furnaces for Peak Creek and Ebenezer churches—now these furnaces have been actually installed. The Peak Creek church has been heated for some time by the furnace given by Mr. Reynolds of Winston-Salem. No longer do we come to a cold church in zero weather, but thanks to Mr. Reynolds and the splendid co-operation of some of the church members and the young men of the community, we bask in the heat of a "Sunbeam" furnace. We are now completing a shed and wall around the opening to the furnace cellar.

The furnace at Ebenezer has been completed in spite of cold weather to hinder us, or to spur us on. Although cold weather has not permitted us to build our flue and fireplace, we are able to put fire in the furnace. We are all anxiously awaiting the results, and trial of this furnace installed by some of the splendid young men of the community. It was a pretty big job, but we put it across. Come out and inspect it, and help us try it out.

## Potatoes For the Lord

People often complain that they have no money for the church work. Now we have a way to help the work without money, and without price. At each of the churches of Peak Creek, Ebenezer, and Obids, we are planning to plant potatoes for the Lord. We have been selecting a suitable place, and as soon as possible we want to plant the spuds. Let's all help just a little bit or a big bit. If each will donate a few potatoes we shall be able to put in our acre. We must have fertilizer, too. Let's get to work right away, and have a big crop. We are planning to sell the potatoes for improvement on the churches. Do not stand back and let every body else help us and support us—let's help ourselves a little, God blessing our work.

## Tennis Court

It is with great delight that we watch the construction of a basketball and tennis court on the church lot at Jefferson. Mr. L. L. Scott can be seen energetically plying the shovel and directing the work. At vacant time from school, the boys of the community are also busily aiding in the work. The completion of this work will certainly aid those interested in developing in the four-fold way of life in keeping themselves in physical shape to live for our Master.

## Stalwart Presbyterianism

There has been a time in the history of our Church when the above title would have meant little, because all were stalwart.

It was a part of their training as well as of their inheritance from their covenanting ancestors.

Really the adjective was not actually needed, because the noun, Presbyterianism, expressed what we meant to say.

Character in men is not of mushroom growth. It does not come in a night, nor does it disappear in a night. It comes down from remote ancestors, growing stronger with each succeeding generation.

Those men in Scotland who died for their principles left behind a character that has impressed itself upon their descendants.

Whether, by some law, there has been a reversion to type, we do not know; but we are confident that what could be said of Presbyterians in the past, can no longer be affirmed.

On the contrary, there is a type common now, a spineless variety of Presbyterians, whose only claim to public recognition is the similarity of name.

The type we admire, and whose example it has ever been our aim to follow, is the type that has not yet entirely disappeared, but is found here and there.

They defend doctrine, and are not swept off their feet by such pious phrases, as "We worship a Person, and not a creed," as if the worship of the Person did not necessitate a belief about that Person, whether human or divine, whether the Son of God or the son of Joseph.

Creed is only another word for belief, and if you believe in a person, you must have a creed, and if you have a creed, you must be ready to defend it.

The stalwart Presbyterian recognizes the authority of the Church, as expressed in its courts, and does not foolishly prate about his personal rights.

He eschews all saint days and feast days, and does not recognize Easter, neither does he bow his knee to the modern Baal. This type is not of the earth earthly, but is of divine origin.

It is of slow growth, as we have intimated. It begins at the mother's knee and is developed by the father's example. It breathes the atmosphere of family prayers, and is fed upon the catechisms of our Church.

To him the Sabbath is God's day, and he believes that it should be kept according to God's plan, and not man's pleasure, and that he should not neglect attendance upon divine worship.

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## Mont Wellborn, the Victor, Receives His Crown.

"Oue morn I missed him on the customed hill,  
Along the heath and near his favorite tree;  
Another came; nor yet beside the rill,  
Nor up the lawn, nor at the wood was he."

Such were my thoughts wheu our beloved brother, Mont. Wellborn, passed from our community. It was a familiar sight to see him upon his horse, or attending his crops in the meadow, or still his presence about his cabin door.

Mr. Wellborn was about the age of 68 when called away. He was the youngest son of Nancy Martin and Hugh Montgomery Wellborn. Montgomery was the last to survive in his immediate family.

Our friend and fellow-Christiau was a man of splendid intellectual qualities. He was admitted to the bar while still a young man, and a little later passing the examination for West Point, was turned down on account of some physical defect. Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga counties trusted him as their State Senator for one term. One could only be in Mr. Wellborn's presence a few moments before the realization would sweep over him of the power and yet the kind sympathy of the man. Brilliant as a thinker and very retentive in memory, yet with his wonderful powers he was kind and sincere to all who came in his presence. If he did not particularly like a man, he left him alone. He harmed no one, and was honest and straightforward in all his dealings.

As well as his good qualities he had his share of the hindrances to men, but thanks to God, about six months before his death he received the perfect righteousness which comes by faith iu the Lamb of God.

It was a joy to talk to Mr. Wellborn about his Saviour. He had such conviction which indicated that he had met his Lord. Some one said of Mr. Wellborn, "He enjoys his religion about as much as any man I have ever seen." It was so,

but not the brazen familiarity of pretended experiences, but the silent peace which denoted that a Companion had come into his association who comforted and lived with him. The simplicity of his faith, and the sincerity of his testimony iudicated a child of God on the trail toward his Heavenly Home. One in the presence of Mr. Wellborn felt the yearning of a soul for "A Closer Walk with God," but troubled greatly because he was not satisfied with his present walk.

On June 5th, 1927, Montgomery Wellborn, believer iu Christ, made his profession of his Lord, and was baptized at the Peak Creek Presbyterian church, where he became a member. On December 16, 1927, he fell asleep in the Lord, and although loth to leave the Master's service here, wrapped the victor's mantle of righteousness about him, and obeyed his King's command.

Funeral Services were held at the Jefferson Presbyterian church, and the remains were escorted by his brother Masons to the burial ground of his family in Wilkesboro, N. C. When I think of the man, his simple life, and his natural ability, the words of Gray fill my soul:

"Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid  
Some heart pregnant with celestial fire;  
Hands, that the rod of empire might have  
swayed."

And still wheu I think of the man deep in his surrender and his experience of his Saviour, I thiuk of other words of Gray:

"No farther seek his merits to disclose,  
Or draw his frailties from their dread  
abode.

(There they alike in trembling hope repose)  
The bosom of his Father and his God."

J. W. L.

The young people's class of the Obids church gave a delightful party for the young folks of that communnity at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Daney one night in February. Every one reported a most enjoyable evening.

Once each month a preaching service is held at Sabbath Home on Horse Creek. The services are being well attended and people are cordial in their invitations to continue the work there.

The West Jefferson church has had to sustain a number of losses in membership. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Naas and family have moved to New York State. Quincy and Jean Blevins have gone with their parents to Westover, Md. All of these are missed very much, indeed.

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large. returus from them. Five letters came back bearing money. Two others answered most helpfully. One contained a suggestion that may mean much.

We figured that more would answer this appeal and something happened. One Thursday night the pastor dreamed of two different people discussing our needs and sending us a check. On the following Saturday two checks were received: one from Mrs. M. W. Norfleet through her Auxiliary for \$100.00; the other was from the treasury of the Winston First church in pledges made for this building.

Some say that dreams are unfulfilled desires. We detest the idea. But these coiuencences are happy ones.

Beloved, if you knew the urgent need for the completion of this bnliding for our religious work and of the happiness your gift would bring (even though you don't know us) you would sit right down and write a check. Make it either to R. H. STONE, Jefferson, N. C., or to Dr. E E. GILLESPIE, Greensboro, N. C.. and say that it is for the completion of this elegant building. Bless your hearts in ad-vaue for this deed of generous helpfulness.

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One hundred letters of appeal went out and the following have sent in cash contributions: Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Anderson, Alvarado, Va.; Hou. R. L. Doughton, M. C., Washington, D. C.; Mr. F. S. Gilbert, Lowell, Mass.; and Mr. T. D. Fentress, Mesdames J. T. Taylor and R. W. Allen and Miss Katherine Woodfield of Richmond, Va.

The following have recently contributed labor on the West Jeffersou Church: Messrs. John Poe, Will Combs, Henry Duval, Tom Hayues and W. F. Eller.

The doors donated by Mr. A. A. Finley,

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The Girls' Circle of the Lansing Auxiliary entertained the stndents of the High School in the School Building, Thursday evening, March 8th, from 7:30 until 10:00 o'clock. From the opening "Medley March," until the closing devotional led by Mr. Stone the hearty spirit of enjoyment made the evening a success.

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of North Wilkesboro, have been hung and stained and are beautiful.

Mr. B. D. Barr has left his work repeatedly to come to give advice and to furnish plans for the framing of the pulpit and other work.

The Hawfields church has made gifts which have been a great source of comfort and delight. In December we received from them an International One-Pipe furnace, which was installed in the basement. A little later Mr. E. C. Turner brought a double burner gasoline lamp. Both of these gifts are greatly appreciated. Hawfields claims Mr. Turner—he is an elder in the West Jefferson church—as her son.

Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation to all of the above benefactors.

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We must confess that this type is as rare as it is beautiful.

One of the sad signs of the times is the modification of this type, which shows itself in the prevalence of loose ideas along every line.

The world as well as the Church needs a revival of that type, which can only be brought about by personal effort on the part of the individual believer.

He must give up Sunday trains and Sunday papers, and he must restore the Sabbath to its old place in his affections, and he must be prepared to be lonely, because he will find this type rare.

The present type is popular, we know, but he who will have the courage to stand where his father stood will win the admiration of the world, and also of those who have departed from the old paths, because they "loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

—Presbyterian Standard.

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**Tentative Schedule For  
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West Jefferson—May 27-June 10th.

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Ebenezer—July 1-15.

Lausing—July 18-August 1.

Obids—August 5-19.

With the blessing of the Head of the Church and the co-operation on the part of the towns and communities such as has been given in past years this will be one of the best Christian Chautauquas of any heretofore conducted. Great things are being planned. Much time is being given to the selection of books and programs and materials. Perhaps in no year will the workers have made such ample preparation as is being made for the 1928 program. The very latest methods and manuals of instruction will be used.

This year in addition to having Rev. J. W. Luke and Miss Williamson, the services of Miss Berlita Whilden, of the Florida State Woman's College, Tallahassee, have been secured. This is being done through the influence of our friend, Rev. E. N. Caldwell. He hopes to secure a second member for the faculty, also.

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## WHY THIS CHURCH?

Substance of the eloquent address delivered by Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., at the Laying of Cornerstone of the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

We are here to lay the cornerstone of this church at Lansing. This congregation and this house of worship are the results of a large amount of effort on the part of our Christian workers in this district. This building will cost some thousands of dollars—the gift of interested Christian people. It is, therefore, a fair question to raise as to whether this is a good investment of our efforts and of our gifts.

Let us then state our reasons for building this church:

1. We desire to come as friend and helper to the good people who are already here. There are other churches whose influence is felt here. They are located in this neighborhood and they are forces for righteousness. We come to add our influence to theirs in the work of building the Kingdom of God.

There are many Christian homes in this section. They are trying to bring up their children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. We come here to stand with them for the things which are right. We put our influence along side of theirs for the good of the children and young people of this county. We come to work in harmony with the fine schools of this district. We rejoice in the great work they do and we

want to co-operate with them in the high work of developing intellectual and spiritual power. We want to unite with all right-thinking and forward looking people in the work of achieving a Christian citizenship here. We do not come to exercise lordship over these various agencies but to enjoy fellowship with them in this vast and challenging work.

2. This church comes with a definite message about God; to tell of his wisdom, of his power, and of his love. There is no other message so cheering and so strengthening as this one of the gospel that God loved the world and gave his Son to die for it. We are weak and weary, sinful and suffering. We need to be assured over and over again that God loves us. This keeps us from heart-break and saves us from despair. This definite message of the love of God in Christ Jesus and fellowship with Him by His spirit unto eternal

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## Progress on West Jefferson Church.

Since our last publication much progress has been made on our built-for-the-generation structure in West Jefferson. The thing you would first notice is the lawn which has been carefully graded and the soil prepared for the sowing of grass. There is a good stand of blue grass and white clover. White and pink rhododendrons have been banked against the building.

The gutters have been put on and the concrete basement floor has been poured and very soon the stone steps will be constructed. The water lines have been connected in the basement. The Lexington church has given us a handsome brass railing to be used for the choir. Mr. Joe H. Thompson

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## The LANSING CHURCH

Its Beginning and Rapid Construction—What It Means to Lansing and Surrounding Country—Those Who Have Helped to Build for the Kingdom.

On May first something significant was begun in Lansing. Land was broken for our new Church. Men, teams, maddocks, shovels, and wheelbarrows were ready. At once a lower level was sought. Down, down until hard clay and solid rock was found. Then the mixer was started and concrete poured.

Soon, genii like, the building began to rise from below the ground and surpassing the expectation of all it continued to reach heavenward until today it is covered and the scaffolds are torn away and many of the auditorium windows are in. On Main street it is seen by all passers by.

To hundreds passing by it is as a silent call to worship—a marvel and thing of beauty—speaking to them of the Spiritual things of God.

To the many who go within it means more. There we worship in the beauty of holiness, and may we say reverently, in the comfort of holiness. Our houses of worship in Lansing have been inadequate.

It is constructed on the general plan of the West Jefferson church. Instead of quarried rock we are using the handsome ruble stone from Helton creek. In this building we get the effect of the magnificent buildings at Montreat.

The reason for the quickness of construc-

tion was the fact that B. D. Barr was superintendent and had gathered around him an efficient corps of workmen. Everyone had an active interest. There was no loafing on the job and it seemed that everyone had a heart to work. Mr. J. W. Hudler, a Baptist, having made the first contribution to the lot fund, laid the first stone in the building (and he selected the first hymns used in the first preaching service). The Masons of the Jeffersons and Helton, Grassy Creek and other lodges laid the Corner Stone, but it fell to the lot of Charlie Caloway, Troy Shatley and Bob Speaks to lay the remainder.

The High Point church gave us a large and beautiful art glass window for the front and most of the windows for the auditorium.

### LOCAL GIFTS

Additional Money Given for the Lot—E. E. Johnson, P. G. Wright, H. W. Spen-  
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LAYING OF CORNER STONE JUNE 22nd.

## Two Churches Await Completion

Doubtless there are some who doubted our faith and our ability to get to our present stage of completion of our churches. But we have trusted in Him who has supplied our every need. And this He has done through His people.

The West Jefferson and Lansing churches are each needing to be plastered. An auditorium floor and ceiling are necessary for Lansing. Much finishing of the interiors should come before winter.

Already the blessings of these new structures are being received and greatly felt. We know of no one who has contributed to these buildings who is not thoroughly delighted with the progress and with their investment. Some men and women of fine spirit and large business and spiritual abil-

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**Editorial**

Our experiences this summer in evangelism and God's goodness in church erection causes us to say "Praise the Lord, for He is glorious." Never has He been better to our work.

We regret very much that the names of those fine folks uniting with Christ through the Obids, Ebenezer and Peak Creek churches were not received in time for this issue. Their names will appear in the October issue.

We welcome Presbytery to our County on September 11. The host church is West Jefferson. Jefferson is looking forward to a share in the joy of entertainment. Hospitality is a great characteristic of the mountains. The Lansing church is extending an invitation to hold its Wednesday afternoon meeting in their new church.

The following have been welcomed into the membership of the following churches:

**West Jefferson**—By profession of faith and baptism: Mabel Copenhaver, Virginia Price, Russell Barr, Martin Medley, by letter.

**Lansing**—By profession of faith and baptism: Blanche Miller, Mamie Gay Miller, Banner Isom Miller, Harold Goss, Mae Ham, Paul Ham, Ethel McNeill, Wilma Fraeuees, Ethel Ham, Merle Graybeall, Jean Dixon and Quiney Mullis. By statement: Arthur Miller, Mrs. Arthur Miller and Lilly Baugess.

The following children of Prof. and Mrs. Isom Miller became children of the Covenant: Ruth, Bartow Davis, and Walter Blanton.

We are thankful for these contributors to the West Jefferson church, which have been received since the March issue:

Woman's Auxiliary First Church, Greensboro.

J. Watson Moore, Winston.

R. B. & J. C. Sanford, Mocksville.

Mrs. R. B. Sanford, Mocksville.

Mrs. T. B. Bailey for Mocksville Auxiliary.

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R. W. Robinson, Charlotte.

N. W. Vanhoy, Winston-Salem.

**A Quintet of Christian Chautauquas**

The Christian Chautauqua season for 1928 has been the most successful in the history of Ashe County. Not only has the enrollment of the Bible School been large, the average attendance higher and the co-operation better; but also the evangelistic services have been more successful and the churches have been greatly blessed as a result of this.

The opening Chautauqua was held at West Jefferson for the churches of the two Jeffersons from May 27th until June 10th. This Bible School had the largest enrollment of students and the greatest number of trained workers: with an enrollment of about one hundred and seventy-five, the average attendance was nearly one hundred and fifty and forty-five were given credit for attendance upon every session. The faculty of Bible teachers included Rev. J. W. Luke, Rev. J. C.

of Tallahassee, Florida, and too much can not be said in appreciation for her help during the remaining Chautauquas. Rev. J. L. Lassister conducted the evangelistic services in a most helpful way. The Bible school average attendance was near forty.

The enrollment of the Peak Creek Bible School was around seventy-five; the attendance was good. Dr. G. G. Syndor in the evening services did much to advance the Kingdom of God. Miss Verd and Dan Miller were invaluable assistants in the school.

The Lausing Bible School with its average attendance of more than one hundred had in addition to the three faculty members mentioned above, Miss Lou Harris and Mrs. J. C. Patton. Mrs. C. E. Bumgarner, Misses Ollie Patton, Mac Weaver, Blanche Goss, Stella Faw and Maxie Weaver were assistants with the handwork. Dr. E. E. Gillespie's clear preaching of the gospel resulted in fourteen additions to the Church and more than a score of reconsecrations. The Winston Billy Sunday



West Jefferson Christian Chautauqua and Daily Vacation Bible School

Wool, Mrs. R. H. Stone, Misses Lon Harris, Margaret Van DeVanter and Myrtle Williamson; assisting with the handwork were Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. James P. Colvard, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. James D. McNeill, Misses Blanche Hudler, Lucy Oliver, Fay Goss, Mrs. Hal Doggett and Mrs. Langdon Scott. Mr. James Sydnor's services as secretary of missions and tent superintendent were invaluable. The splendid preaching of Rev. J. C. Wool and of Rev. J. H. Carter made the evening service times of great spiritual rejoicing. Evangelistic Team No. 8 from Winston-Salem closed the services on Sunday.

At Ebenezer the faculty was composed of Mr. Luke, Mr. Sydnor, Miss Williamson and Miss Kate Forster, of St. Augustine, Florida. Miss Forster's services were made possible by the First Presbyterian Church

Team had charge of the Sunday afternoon services.

The Obids Chautauqua, in spite of heavy rains, was decidedly successful. With an enrollment of around fifty and an average attendance of nearly forty, the Bible school was only second to the splendid congregations which filled the tent for the services conducted by Dr. G. H. Gilmer. The splendid attendance and the forceful preaching of the gospel made a fitting close to the successful 1928 Chautauqua season. Special mention should be made of the help of Miss Stella Faw and Deette Crawford in the Bible School.

The fun nights were made much more enjoyable by a Punch and Judy Show, the gift of Mrs. Chas. A. Kent, of Winston-Salem, and by the presentation of a play by the West Jefferson Camp Fire Girls.

**THE LANSING CHURCH**

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cer, I. S. Miller, Mrs. I. S. Miller, Blain Miller, Mrs. Joe Glenn (of Winston-Salem), and Vestal Hudler.

**GIFTS OF LABOR ON THE CHURCH**

Wade Weaver, C. E. Bumgarner, Q. R. Neal, Gwynn Faw, James Campbell, Blain Miller, Lester Mullis, Roy Sperlin, Fred Nicely, Charlie Weaver, James Wright, Gaither Baldwin, Nelson Baldwin, C. E. Carty, J. A. Ham, Con Debord, Carl Mullis, Reeves Childers, Luther Ham, James Cox Theodore Hudler.

Those Furnishing Teams—J. W. King, Gaither Baldwin, A. J. Ham, and Rev. Wm. Graybeal.

The following have furnished lumber: Charles Hamby, T. P. Tudor, Wade Vannoy, Arthur Campbell, Arthur Shepherd, and Gentry & Campbell.

The Lansing Grocery Co., Tom Latham and H. W. Owen have furnished trucks for hauling material.

C. L. Goss made a cash contribution and loaned us the use of a building for storage. Ex-Sheriff Latham and Elbert McCarter have also stored our materials. Sheriff A. Clark and William Clark donated a large part of the sand. The good citizens of Helton gladly gave the stone. J. H. Gentry has helped in many ways. Young & Hudler have furnished hardware and other supplies at a very small margin of profit. We are also greatly indebted to the entire community for their good will which has been manifested in various ways.

The J. D. Sargent Granite Company, of Mt. Airy, through the request of Judge W. F. Carter, gave the Corner Stone.

Those who have kept this work through their gifts are Greensboro Auxiliary Circle No. 4, M. W. Norfleet, Mrs. J. W. Simpson, Miss Delphine Brown through the Reynolda Girls' Circle, Mrs. B. A. Cunningham, Mrs. W. H. Osborne, M. W. Norfleet, Jr., T. D. Tyack, Mrs. L. Richardson, W. L. Fisher, Mrs. Lucy R. Critz, who gave the roof, W. T. Eaton, William R. Thomas, and E. L. Anderson.

We are grateful to all of these donors. But for them there would be a distressing difference. With them everything is glorious. We are aware that doubtless we have failed to give credit to some. This we will gladly do in the October issue if called to our attention.

This congregation will invite Presbytery to hold its Wednesday afternoon session in their new auditorium. The Union Thanksgiving service will be held there.

It is far from completed and we ask your continued co-operation until both of these buildings are completed, furnished and dedicated to the glory of God. With your financial assistance it can be done. Send your check at your earliest convenience to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, or to Rev. R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C.

**TWO CHURCHES AWAIT COMPLETION**

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ity have made repeated gifts. Evidently it is a fine expenditure.

The needs now are several thousand dollars to complete these houses of worship. Whether your ability is a dollar, five, ten, twenty-five, fifty, one hundred, or five hundred dollars, please let us have your gifts at once. Aid us in this great undertaking for the Kingdom of God. Send your gifts either to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C., or to Rev. R. H. Stone, Treasurer, Jefferson, N. C.

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**WHY THIS CHURCH?**

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life is the central part of the message which this church is to bring to you.

3. Also this building will echo with a declaration about mankind. It will not fail to declare him sinful and lost. But it will bless him with a message of hope and salvation. If it tells him he is a sinner, it tells him also how he may become a saint. It assures him that he is spiritual, immortal and capable of Sonship and eternal fellowship with God. If a man is poor and burdened and suffering, it is his comfort still that he is a child of God and that he is walking in the path that leads to his Father's house. He is not just a superior animal. He is the immortal child of God. This renews his faith and courage and hope and joy. He takes up his cross anew and goes boldly forward, with assurance of final victory.

4. This church is here also to give an inspiration of life which will make us love life and rejoice in its opportunities. Life is not just the troubled journey from the cradle to the grave which rationalists would have us believe. It is an opportunity to learn about God, and to receive our training in knowledge, faith, courage, self-denial, self-control and all other forms of spiritual culture. Life has a high purpose inherent in it. When we say that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever," we have stated the meaning of life in its noblest terms. Life is not futile. It is full of great meaning. It is full of great experiences which make us greater men and women. It is for our education and training; it is for our growth and service in the highest spiritual things.

5. This church is here to speak to men about death. Death seems to be the defeat of life. Apparently death rides through the earth as King and Conqueror. Without the message which the church brings about death, we can see only the corruption of the body, and the victory of the grave. But the church with its gospel message tells how God has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light in the gospel. The gospel triumphantly proclaims "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." The Church is the only institution whose business it is to keep this truth alive in the hearts of men. If it did nothing else, this would justify our coming here, and by the expenditure of time and service and gifts in organizing this church and building this house of worship. This building is erected for the glory of God—in the good of mankind. As such it deserves the respect and support of right-thinking people.

**PROGRESS ON WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH**

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son, an elder of the Lexington church has given two handsome pulpits—one for West Jefferson and the other for Lansing. In these elegance of design and taste and beauty of finish are incorporated. Mrs. Sloan, of Belmont, is donating the collection plates. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, of Abingdon, have given a handsome and fine pulpit Bible. The High Point church has given an art glass window, one of the prettiest in the State, for the front. Mrs. M. W. Norfleet has given five auditorium windows and the remainder of the basement windows.

For all this progress we are grateful.

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LANSING (1926)—Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Bible Study every Tuesday night at 8:00 P. M. Preaching every Fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M., and Second Sundays at 8:00 P. M.

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EBENEZER (1898) Sunday School 2:30 P. M., Sundays. Services 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays at 4:00 P. M.

OBIDS (1904)—Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Sundays. Services, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

PEAK CREEK (1921)—Sunday School 2:30 P. M., Sundays. Young People's Society, (C. E.) 7:30 P. M. Services, 4:00 P. M. on 3rd Sunday, and 8:15 P. M. on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

BOWIE—Mr. Luke meets the Boy Scouts each Friday at 3:30 P. M.

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## OUR FAMILY OF CHURCHES

There is a man who has three sons of whom he is very proud. It is said that he was once accustomed to introduce them in the order and with the comment as follows: "This is my oldest boy, Blank, who married a wealthy girl. This is my son, Blank, who had the yellow jaundice when he was a baby, and has been in the Navy. And this is my baby, Blank, and he has the biggest head in the family."

In introducing to Ashe Presbyterian readers the six churches which we sponsor we are taking our family in reverse order from the presentations mentioned above. We are first introducing to you our baby (but only in age)—

### LANSING

Born in September 1926 in a borrowed school building. There were twenty-two members who united in the covenant of organization. Today it has fifty members, which is as large a resident membership as any of our family has. We see nothing to blight its future growth, which we predict will be steady.

### WEST JEFFERSON

Next you must know West Jefferson—constituted in July 1925, in a theater building with five ladies. These five have grown to thirty-one. The present building is a magnificent edifice that will care for the work of the congregation for years to come.

### PEAK CREEK

Peak Creek is next—organized in 1921. Today it has a membership which is constantly growing. It has grown from the school house with uncomfortable straight, board seats to one of the prettiest and most comfortable rural churches in the county.

### OBIDS

Then comes Obids—organized in 1904 with thirteen members. Today it has about thirty-five. During the years the Obids Church and its constituency have been faithfully holding aloft the banner of Christ.

### JEFFERSON

Next to the oldest is Jefferson—with a mountain for a back-  
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## NEW CHURCHES HOST TO PRESBYTERY

On September 11th, at 7:30 p. m., the West Jefferson congregation saw the beginning of the realization of their dream—for the Presbytery of Winston-Salem was within its auditorium. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. McGregor. This was Mr. McGregor's first visit to Ashe and through his sermon he endeared himself to the congregation.

Mr. J. R. Finley, an elder of the North Wilkesboro Church, was elected Moderator. Mr. Finley was a member of Presbytery's Commission which organized the church, and it is fitting that he should moderate the First Presbytery held within it. Rev. J. W. Luke was elected Temporary Clerk to assist the Stated Clerk, Rev. E. P. Bradley.

Mr. E. C. Turner presented the Moderator a gavel made of native chestnut—a piece of timber used in the construction of each of the new churches. It was made by Mr. Felix Barr, the father of Mr. R. C. Barr, a member of the Building Committee, and also father of Mr. B. D. Barr, the builder of the Lansing Church.

On Wednesday morning some time was given over to routine business. Permission was granted the authorities of Glade Valley School to put on a canvass for funds for enlarging their material equipment.

The sermon at eleven o'clock was preached by Dr. J. S. Foster. The main idea was the things the office of the ministry had contributed. This was made to focus upon Rev. C. W. Robinson, who has spent fifty years in the ministry of the "glorious gospel of the Son of God." He was

designated as one who magnified his office in the ministry.

Following the sermon Presbytery, in honoring Mr. Robinson, requested that he conduct the Communion service. The sermon and the Communion lifted us up into the gracious presence of our Saviour.

The ladies served dinner in the basement—to the delight and satisfaction of all.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting was held in the auditorium  
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**Editorial**

In this special number we are attempting to show you something of the exterior of our material equipment. For all of this we are thankful.

This season has been a fruitful one as far as evangelism is concerned. Some of our meetings were almost rained out and there were handicaps to overcome—but God blessed each one. To them we are grateful.

Rev. John W. Luke has written a fine history of each of his three churches. We wish that we had space for their publication. They will be held as notable contributions awaiting their future appearance.

But for our faithful members and friends they could not exist in their present state. We wish that our readers could see our fine membership. Our family is enlarging every year. Too much cannot be said for the faithfulness and loyalty of many of our officers and men and women, boys and girls of the six churches. Many of their lives are brightly beaming and leading the lost into the fold. We wish that you could meet each one personally.

Financially, **The Ashe Presbyterian** is getting behind with our printers. We need about one thousand subscribers. If one hundred people would subscribe for ten of their friends we will have it. This is an urgent matter and we trust that you will heed our appeal to you. This publication is a great factor in the work we are doing. So come to our rescue.

Our esteemed friend—Mr. J. A. Brady, of Statesville, has made a fine contribution for the **Ashe Presbyterian**. Dr. M. R. Adams, of Statesville, has done likewise. Follow their example.

Mr. J. R. Weaver in his address of welcome to the Presbytery at Lansing enumerated some facts from which he forcefully argued that Ashe County was the original Garden of Eden. A part of it lies between the rivers. We think it is pretty enough. Some black wood was found about fifteen feet below the surface in excavating for the Lansing church. The wood he takes to be gopher wood. The blackness he supposes is tar used by Noah in waterproofing the ark.

**Our Beloved Dr. Gillespie**

Each of the evangelists with us during the Christian Chautauqua wrought mightily in the Gospel. Their labors were useful and were blessed in the salvation of souls. Many fine compliments were paid each one.

But we are going to take this opportunity to tell the Synod and other readers something of our own Dr. E. E. Gillespie. Ashe County claims him and feels partly responsible for his greatness. Here was the scene of his first ministerial service. It was with us that he "got his start." While here he started something that shall never end—the work and influence of the Presbyterian Church. Ebenezer, Jefferson and Obeds were either organized by him or built on the foundations which he laid. Peak Creek—organized later in the years—is partly a result of his work in the pioneer days. West Jefferson and Lansing Churches are what they are—both materially and spiritually—because of Dr. Gillespie.

As a sermonizer—listen to what we have heard: (From a loyal Baptist) "I am getting old and have heard lots of sermons, but the one last last night (by Dr. Gillespie) is the best I ever heard." (From a Primitive Baptist) "I give the Presbyterians credit for bringing the best preacher to this section of the County."

In fact all who hear him are enthusiastic. His clarity, soundness and devotion to the Scripture together with his passion for souls make him an ideal evangelist. We thank God for Dr. Gillespie's ever increasing influence upon Ashe County.

His zeal for the construction of our new churches has been of the unflagging type. Not only has he been a most interested and valuable member of the Advisory Building Committees but he has aided in securing the larger part of the contributions and has handled the funds. This has necessi-

tated that he travel hundreds of miles and has required many hours of his valuable time. Neither in words or deeds shall we ever be able to express our gratitude to this great man.

**A Christian Prince**

There are many excellent qualities which go to make a prince in the Christian life. We find them in the person of Mr. M. W. Norfleet, an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

Seldom is he seen at Presbytery nor has he in recent years represented his Church at Synod. He does not care for the honor or the publicity. His modesty is a beautiful one. Although he is not found in the limelight of Church courts beyond his Session no one is more interested in their proceedings than he.

Mr. Norfleet is a thoroughgoing Presbyterian. He is zealous for the extension and strengthening of the Kingdom of God. His zeal in the Lord's service, his reverence for His day and his high regard for His house are patterns for others. He has a high sense of Christian stewardship. Jesus Christ is his business partner. His love, faithfulness and loyalty are exemplary.

His unselfishness is demonstrated in that he has gladly served with Dr. E. E. Gillespie on the Advisory Building Committee for each of the new churches. His practical building ideas, his great faith, his willingness to help in various ways together with his other contributions have made us greatly indebted to him.

But for Mr. Norfleet our work would not be where it is today. For him we thank God and take courage. May an increasing number of men and women of his caliber enter the Kingdom of God for service—as he serves.



MR. M. W. NORFLEET

## OUR FAMILY OF CHURCHES

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ground. Located in the county seat it has been a center from which influences radiated to other sections of Ashe. Organized in 1900 with thirty-two members and

cellent rooms.

Our album idea would not be completed without a picture of the Manse located in Jefferson. This was erected in 1923-'24, and has been of service to each of the churches.



1925 — WEST JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — 1928

Have been given \$10,601.00. Gifts of labor, hauling and material have greatly helped. Built to serve the ages. Need \$1,000 to complete.

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today it has fifty-three. During the years a total of one hundred and seven names are on the Church Register. The population of Jefferson is relatively stable. During the years the faithful have had their faith and metal tested. Needless to say that they have stood the test. Fierce fires have burned about them and some are living to see much of the prejudice burned away. Jefferson has been a helper to all around her. She has helped to build congregations in other places.

**EBENEZER**

The oldest child of the faith is Ebenezer whose first birthday is 1897. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" is the meaning of Ebenezer and all of its meaning of centuries ago must have been felt in the naming of the firstborn when the pioneer, Rev. E. E. Gillespie, saw this handsome building completed and a fine group of Christians banded together into the First Presbyterian Church of Ashe County. As in each of the other churches the faithful dwell about Ebenezer. To her material equipment has been added the Gillespie Sunday School plant consisting of three ex-

## NEW CHURCHES Host to PRESBYTERY

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of the Lausing Church. At this time Candidate J. P. Taylor was examined with a view to being licensed to preach the Gospel. This was followed by his trial sermon. Both examination and sermon were highly commendable. The constitutional questions being answered satisfactorily the Moderator proceeded to license him.

Presbytery then proceeded to install Rev. R. H. Stone pastor of the local church. Rev. J. W. McFall preached the sermon. Rev. J. D. Smith charged the pastor and Elder E. L. Anderson charged the people, the constitutional questions were probed by the Moderator.

The ladies of the Lansing community lived up to their reputation in the serving of a bounteous and delicious picnic supper.

The concluding session was held in the West Jefferson Church. This was the popular program on Home Missions and was in charge of the Chairman, Rev. J. R. McGregor. Fine addresses were made by Misses Annie Walker and Myrtle Williamson. Rev. J. W. Luke led a number of Christian Chautauqua boys and girls in the singing of some of the choruses learned during the summer.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie was present and delivered a stirring address on Home Missions. In this he championed in an eloquent way the glories of Presbyterianism, bringing out the fact the Presbyterian Church with its several families is the largest Protestant body in the world. Presbyterians number more than forty million.

It was a great joy and blessing to have  
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1921 — PEAK CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — 1928

Most beautiful of the Presbyterian Country Churches. First House of worship erected on Peak Creek. Erected at cost of about \$1,500.00. This year one of its young people is in Assembly's Training School.

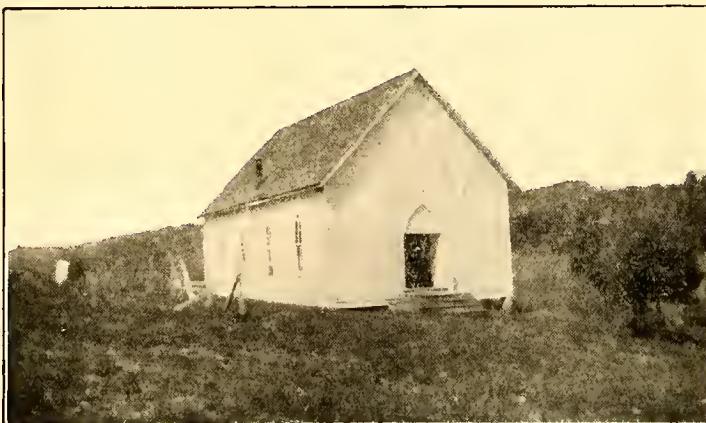
Young People's Society 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 2:30 p. m. Services 4:00 p. m. on Third Sundays and 8:15 p. m. on Second and Fourth Sundays. Rev. John W. Luke is the progressive pastor.

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had Presbytery in Ashe County. The two youngest churches in the Presbytery are looking forward to the time when the

church court shall again convene with them for the purpose of dedicating their handsome church homes.

Neither would this issue be what we



1904— OBIDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1928

A church built on a hill—its light cannot be hidden. Obids has stood the storm of prejudice and discouragement and has proved a rock that cannot be shaken. When some day in the future paved roads pass through the settlement and aeroplanes hum over the roofs of the city of Obids we know that the struggle of Obids church has not been in vain, for then we shall see that a foundation was laid for a greater church.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Services of Worship 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays, 11:00 a. m.



1900— JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1928

A lovely church doing a good work. The McNeill Sunday School Room does much for Religious Educational purposes.

Woman's Auxiliary. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Services of worship Third Sundays 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

want it to be useless it carried the pictures of our premier friends—Dr. E. E. Gillespie and Mr. M. W. Norfleet.

Our family is enjoying a steady and a fine growth. The blessing of the Almighty is resting upon each one in the Church Album. Join with us in prayer that for His sake this may continue.

## Appreciations

Our gratitude is yet going out to the following who have made cash contributions to our work since the last issue:

Dr. J. L. Douglas, Davidson; Mr. J. F. Sweeny, Richmond; Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, and Miss Jane M. Taylor, Winston-Salem; Mrs. M. M. Blevins, Crampler; and Mrs. Bragaw, of Lexington.

Messrs. J. R. Weaver and Quincy Mullis have given labor and Mr. Cicero Eller gave us appreciated discount on some work.



EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (Organized 1897.)

First Presbyterian Church of Ashe County. Had first Presbyterian Sunday School. Erected at cost of about \$400.00. It has ever been a place of helpful worship. Gillespie Sunday School Rooms have been added. Furnace heat insures a comfortable winter.

Sunday School 2:30 p. m. Services 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:00 p. m.

We are not boasting, but merely stating a fact which we do not fear will be contradicted—The Presbyterian Churches are experiencing the largest percentage of growth of any group of churches in the County. As we grow in numbers we pray that our gifts and service may increase in a proportionate way.

## Welcome to Our New Members.

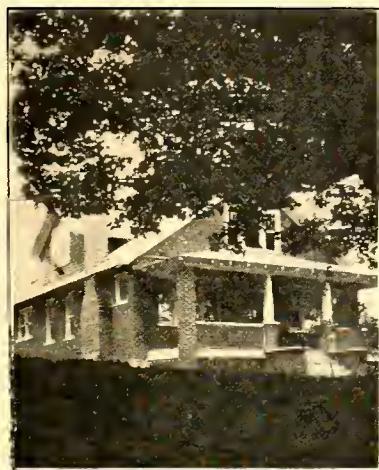
We regretted that we did not have the list below to have published in the last issue. We are glad to announce that the following have come into our family:

**Ebenezer:** Glenn Hiram Hart, Jettie Hart, Charlie VanOver, Mr. Doreas Oliver, Ethel Darnell, Sadie Bare.

**Peak Creek:** Georgia Blevins, John A. Cox (who died Sept. 22) Lora Bare and Alpha Roten.

**Obids:** Pearl McNeil, Vivian Parsons, Mabel Dancy.

Since our last number Mr. P. H. Baldwin has united with the Lansing Church.



MANSE AT JEFFERSON

Presbytery and Synod assisted in Building This.

## Lansing to be Scene of Annual Thanksgiving Service

November 29th is to be another Rally Day when we gather for our annual Thanksgiving service. This is more and more becoming an enjoyable event and a great institution in the history of our churches. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. After a devotional service there will be a number of individual expressions of gratitude to God. We are expecting that the sermon will be preached by Dr. E. E. Gillespie. One of the features of this service is a special offering for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home. This takes the form of cash and of gifts of vegetables and fruit. It is hoped that the offering this year will be by far the largest yet.

Dinner will be brought and will be served in the basement of the church.

All Presbyterians of the county and their friends should rally this day and at this place to render thanks to God for the erection of this handsome edifice along with the personal blessings and great denominational and Kingdom growth.

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Mountain City	7:00	11:00	5:15
Trade, Tennessee	7:30	11:30	6:00
Boone		8:00	
Deep Gap		9:00	
West Jefferson		9:00	
North Wilkesboro	10:30	3:00	9:00
Ar. Winston Salem	1:30	5:30	

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N. Wilkesboro	7:30	11:00	2:15 3:15
Boone		1:30	4:15
West Jefferson	9:15		1:00
Warrensville	9:30		1:15
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## History of Peak Creek Church

The most beautiful of the three Presbyterian country Churches is that of Peak Creek. It is built in the shape of a cross, and is painted white, which makes a harmonious contrast with its green painted roof, and the deep green of the pine trees around it.

In 1921, Rev. E. W. Thompson, who had charge of Obids and Ebenezer Presbyterian churches, also preached at Peak Creek School House. This went on for some time until at last a few Presbyterians organized into a church and built the only church building on Peak Creek at that time.

The actual cost of the building amounted to about \$1,500. The people of the neighborhood donated \$500, the Synod's Home Mission Committee gave \$500, and Presbytery gave \$500 for the church. The site for the church had at one time been picked as a lot for the Church of the Brethren, and had been offered to them by Mr. Matthew Sheets for this purpose. The Church of the Brethren deciding not to build at this time, the lot was sold to the Presbyterians for \$50, Mr. Sheets donating \$10 of this amount. Other donations helped to complete the furniture and other details of the building. Carpenters who did a great deal of the work were Mr. Fred Rose and the late Mr. John Andrew Cox. Others of the community aided greatly.

After the organization of the Presbyterian Church at Peak Creek several members of Ebenezer living at Peak Creek, withdrew their membership and came to Peak Creek church.

The Peak Creek church has had only one officer besides the Pastor and Mr. Geo. W. Bowlin has the distinction of being the original elder of the church.

Peak Creek has been progressive in many ways. She has increased in membership, although at present many of her members have moved away from their homes. She has always had a Sunday School, and is the only one of the three country Presbyterian churches that has had a Young People's Society. This year, too, one of its young people has taken up work in the Assembly's Training School at Richmond.

The pastors of Peak Creek church have been the following: Revs. E. W. Thompson, R. H. Stone and J. W. Luke.

The church building has been improved by installation of a pipeless furnace. We hope, too, some day to mount a bell in the white tower at the front of the building. Peak Creek has done well in the past, and especially has it had great influence among the young people. It has a useful future for it serves the young people of the community as well as the older generations.

The work of Miss Myrtle Williamson, who is the Young People's Worker, is, if possible, becoming more and more effective. The standards in the Sunday Schools in which she works are being raised. In a great way she is endearing herself to an increasing number of people. She is indispensable.

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## Rev. J. W. Luke Holds Successful Revival at Low Gap

At the suggestion of Miss Hattie Bare, who is a member of Ebenezer church, the pastor of this church, John W. Luke, held a meeting at Low Gap school house. The interest of the people and the co-operation of the school at Low Gap made the meeting of worth to God's Kingdom. Each night saw a very large crowd at the school house beginning November 26th through evening of December 9th. So much interest was shown, that the idea of building a church in the vicinity was talked of. At least it was decided that a Sunday school should be established and if interest continued, the plan for a church could be considered later.

The following professed that they had put their trust in the Saviour and took the name of Christ upon them:

Lee Bare, Isaac Bare, Virgie Lyall, William G. Long, Albert Bare, Wesley Bare, Anna Dell Bare, Johnsie Bare.

The following became members of Ebenezer church and were baptised:

Isaac Bare, Virgie Lyall, Albert Bare, Johnsie Bare, Anna Dell Bare, Wesley Bare

God bless each one taking this step, and may you hold the standard of Christ high is our prayer.

## Teaching Classes Held at Peak Creek and Ebenezer

On November 11th, a teaching class began at Peak Creek. It was by the pastor of Peak Creek church. The purposes of this meeting were: First, To instruct the members in the Doctrines and History of the Presbyterian Church. Second, To correct mistaken opinions about the Presbyterian Church. Third, To present to the people a grand old church, basing all its teachings upon the Bible.

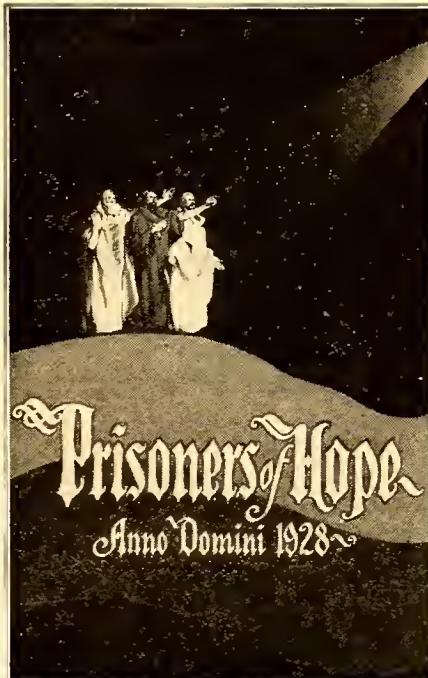
Although the meetings were mainly for teaching purposes, they were evangelistic also. There were no conversions but many  
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## LANSING CHURCH NEEDS A FEW "MERRY CHRISTMAS" CHECKS

Some day we are going to quit asking our friends for help to build our churches. But we can't right now. We need some money and need it badly, to complete what is going to be one of the prettiest churches in the State—that at Lansing.

Gifts of any amount for the Lansing church will be gladly received either by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C., or Rev. R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C.

A check for this great cause will make our Christmas most merry. Thank you.



## OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The lovely and spiritual vocational pageant "The Prisoners of Hope," will be presented in the West Jefferson church, Sunday at 7:00 p. m., and at Lansing on Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.

Christmas trees and exercises of the Sunday schools are scheduled to be presented as follows:

Jefferson, - - Friday, 7:00 P. M.  
Peak Creek, - Saturday, 10:00 A. M.  
West Jefferson, Saturday, 7:00 P. M.  
Ebenezer, - - Monday, 10:00 A. M.  
Obids, - - Monday, 7:00 P. M.  
Lansing, - - Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to all of these exercises.

## Union Thanksgiving Services Held in Lansing Church

Thanksgiving Day is always a happy time in Ashe County. Last year the cup of thanksgiving seemed full to overflowing as the Presbyterians from the six churches gathered in the new West Jefferson church. This year that happiness was felt again for the Lansing church, nearing completion, was hostess to the happy throng who gathered from the six Presbyterian communities in Ashe County, from North Wilkesboro, Mooresville, Charlotte and St. John, Kansas.

The services, which started at 10:45 a.m., was in charge of Mr. J. C. Crawford, President of the Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County. After the singing of the Doxology and a short worship period there were expressions of the things for which many worshippers were thankful. These expressions showed how good Jehovah had been to His own. There was gratitude for the advance of the work of the Kingdom, for the improvement of the church building, for new churches, and especial mention was made of gladness for the presence of Mr. Jim Calloway, one of the first elders and founders of the Obids church. He is now living in St. John, Kansas.

After the receiving of a substantial offering for Barium Springs, a splendid sermon was preached by Mr. Stone on the text "The Kindness of God."

Picnic dinner was served in the basement of the Church and a social hour was enjoyed around the open fireplace.

At the afternoon session there was a short business meeting of the Men of the Church in which the resignation of Mr. Crawford as President was refused and his re-election unanimously voted. The day of good things was brought to a fitting close with a splendid address by Mr. Luke on Presbyterianism.

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### EDITORIAL

The Christmas season is a great time of the year. And there are various reasons that make it so. For many the pre-Christmas reason is one of rush and profit. For a host of children the Christmas means Santa Claus and merry hearts. It means for many rest, family reunions, good things to eat, and happy fellowship.

Christmas marks the end of the year, and at this season so many commercial companies take an inventory, and it is well for all to take mental inventory. At no time is this so appropriate as during the religious seasons—Christmas and Easter. If this is done we shall enjoy some happy thoughts as we realize that God's way of bringing the world to Himself was through the gift of a Babe, who was and is His "only begotten Son." The world's way is armies, navies, war planes, poison gas and other hostile inventions. But God deals with us tenderly. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

A bit of careful reflection will fill our hearts with a profound and abiding gratitude to God. Christmas is the time for a mental stock-taking of the kindness of God.

This year of 1928 has been a great one for us. We are grateful indeed for it. There has been a great deal of material equipment added to the various churches and there has been progress in other ways. But the thing for which we are most glad is that there have been souls saved. Nothing so delights us a profession of faith in our Lord. Perhaps nothing gives Him a greater gladness.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackburn, now of North Wilkesboro, in the death of their son Estel. On August 19, 1921, Estel united with the Jefferson church by profession of faith and baptism. He was buried December 17th.

### Professor Clay Hudler

Lausing and entire surrounding community has suffered a great loss in the death of Prof. Hudler who died on Saturday, December 15th. On Sunday afternoon a memorial service, under the auspices of the Officers and Teachers Union, was held in the Lansing Presbyterian church when ministers of various denominations spoke of his noble life and sterling worth. Although a member of the Baptist church he was a teacher in our Sunday school. To every task he was faithful and to the work of the Kingdom of God he was devoted.

Our hearts of sympathy go to all those so greatly bereaved. We commend them to the God of all grace.

A Rally Day program was held in each of the six Sunday Schools. The offering for Sunday school extension was about \$33.00. If Ashe County awarded a banner it should go to Ebenezer with a Rally Day attendance of 139.

We believe in our orphanage and our people who have orchards believe that our children there like apples. Two trucks were loaded with apples for Barium. We just hope that next year is a good apple year so we can repeat it.



Within the near future a hand-painted portrait of Dr. E. E. Gillespie will be presented the Ebenezer church to hang in the Gillespie Sunday School Room.

We wish for all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a new year from January through December just full of all that is good and true and pure and holy.

And the people of Lansing and community can certainly worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Their new church is the wonder of all who see it.

Our gratitude can never be expressed to those individuals and Circles who have helped to make our Christmas trees possible. They will never know the joy that was set up in hundreds of young hearts.

Mr. W. B. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, has given five dollars for every one who has recited the Shorter Catechism at Ebenezer and Peak Creek. We are indebted to this gentleman for this added incentive to commit to memory this great part of the Standards of our Church.

### Old Clothes Have Gone to Work

One of the "Side-line Activities" of the Presbyterian church in Ashe County is the selling of second-hand clothing which is sent in from friends scattered far and wide. During the past year, the sales have been large and the money from them has been used in a multitude of ways to advance the Kingdom. Delegates have been sent to Young People's and Life Work Conferences; hymn books and Bibles have been purchased for Christian Chautauqua. Incidental expenses for the Chautauqua work and workers have been paid; Sunday School rooms have been improved and literature provided; payments have been made on church lots and temporary church buildings; these and many, many other things have been made possible by the gifts of clothing which have come in.

Into the general treasury there has gone from January 1st, until December 12 from the sales at West Jefferson alone \$558.61. There has been a number of special sales in each community which have swelled this amount to nearly seven hundred dollars.

The weekly sales at West Jefferson have been held in many places, usually in empty store buildings which the owners allowed to be used without rent. The constant shifting from one building to another, the loss of trade through the customer's failure to find the sale, and the many inconveniences of not being able to arrange counters, etc., will soon be at an end, for the young people of the Reynolda church are making it possible for a building to be erected for this purpose. Mr. R. C. Barr is allowing this to be placed upon one of his lots and is helping in many other ways in the building of the store. Too much cannot be said in gratitude to the Reynolda young people; to their leader, Miss Delphine Brown, and to Mr. Barr; the Presbyterian work of Ashe County would certainly suffer without the financial aid from these sales and this building is expected to increase the returns greatly.

Rev. John W. Linke has done a magnificent thing in conducting the revival and in preaching regularly at Low Gap. Those are a fine people to whom he ministers. A Sunday school will assist very greatly in sowing the seed—the Word of God.

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hands were raised for reconsecration and for prayer. There was much interest shown both at Peak Creek and Ebenezer. Both meetings were held for a week. Peak Creek lasting from November 11th through November 18th. Ebenezer beginning on November 18th and lasting through November 25th.

### *Recent Contributors*

How we love our friends! The following have shown their Christian liberality since our last issue: Hon. E. L. Gaither, Mocksville; Mr. C. C. Lincoln, Marion, Va.; Dr. W. T. Thompson, Richmond; the Misses Wiley, Winston-Salem; Mr. B. S. Houston, Mooresville; Greensboro First Auxiliary; the J. M. Rogers Bible Class and the Young Men's Bible Class, First Church, Winston-Salem; Circle No. 12, Greensboro First; Mrs. W. B. Pruett and Mr. S. P. Stowe, Belmont.

You should see what this has done: The West Jefferson church has gotten some much needed plastering. The Lansing auditorium has been plastered, floored and ceiled and much of the easing and moulding has gone on. The ceiling has received two coats of hard oil varnish.

And a pipeless furnace has been ordered, which will care for the auditorium. Mr. Charlie Calloway has built a rock-faced fireplace in the basement.

### *Lansing Notes*

Since our last issue Mrs. Ollie Francis and Mrs. Mattie Ashley have been welcomed into the membership of the church.

A healthy and vigorous Young People's Society has been organized. The following are the officers: Blain Miller, President; Eva Campbell, Vice-President; Gene Dixon, Treasurer; Virginia Gentry, Recording Secretary, and Wayne Weleh, Corresponding Secretary.

The time of meeting is each Thursday night and there is always an enthusiastic crowd. Miss Williamson meets with them and renders valuable assistance.

On Tuesday nights the pastor is leading a study of the Book of Genesis. This is taught at Jefferson on Wednesday nights. At each place there is a fine group and the interest is very gratifying.

We are very grateful all through the year as well as at the close to our customers for their patronage.



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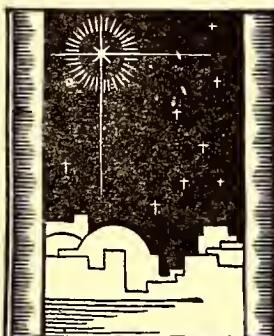
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# Rev. J. W. Luke's Column.

## *At Home—Glendale*

The pastor of Obids, Ebenezer, and Peak Creek churches has moved his residence to Glendale Springs Hotel. I have the two northern rooms next to the well. I am not boarding but just staying there this winter. Mr. Robert Barr has allowed me this privilege. Let me say I am very comfortably situated here, this being the first time all my possessions have been together since I came into the County, May 29, 1926. Dear Members, and Friends, come to see me. "Pupsey" and I will be at home every Friday all day. Now, will you visit me? Bring the whole family. "I am poor but clever," as others tell me as I go into their homes.

## *Potatoes*

Last spring potatoes were all the rage. The citizens of this section planted large crops, for they thought that potatoes would pay. The churches of Obids, Ebenezer and Peak Creek thought they, too, could make a crop pay, also. Each of these churches planted, with a great deal of toil, about an acre apiece. Peak Creek turned out the finest crop—the total yield being about 75 bushels. Ebenezer, although having the largest patch, turned out about 40 bushels. Obids had a fine patch, too. We were late in digging here, but the patch did better than expected. At the rate of bushels we were getting when last digging, we expected about 60 bushels of potatoes. Potatoes are for sale now at Glendale Hotel, where the pastor has them stored in the cellar for winter.

## *"Potatoes Is Pigs"*

All of us have heard of the little book entitled "Pigs is Pigs;" but I doubt if any have heard this saying "Potatoes is Pigs." The truth of this statement is verified at the home of Mr. Dolphus Oliver, where his stepdaughter Helen Hart, is virtually turning potatoes into pigs. The Ebenezer church seeing that their potatoes raised in the church patch were not large enough for good sale, and potatoes being low in price, decided to feed them to a pig. Mr Bill Blevins, of Laurel Springs, hearing of the purpose of Ebenezer, gave a little sandy pig as a potato bank. Helen and some of her sisters named the pig "Deacon," I would like to add Blevins to that name and call him "Deacon Blevins." Long may he live and big may he grow.

## *Improvements at Ebenezer*

We have spoken of the improvements at Ebenezer in previous Ashe Presbyterians. Just a few words about them:

We have now completed a furnace house over the furnace cellar. We have underpinned the church building to keep the wind out from north and west. We have a splendid flue for the furnace. We have a nice little fire place in the large Sunday school room, which makes our meetings there very homelike and sociable. The furnace heats the Sunday school rooms splendidly, but at present does not heat the church building very effectively. We can improve on this though by further arrangements.

Come and warm at our fireplacee, come out and try our new furnace. Not only do we want you to be warmed by our fires but we want to warm your heart by our love and friendship.

## *Second-hand Clothing Sold*

People about Ebenezer, Peak Creek, and Low Gap would be interested in knowing the returns from our small sales of clothing:

Sale at Ebenezer,	-	\$35.00
Sale at Peak Creek,	-	\$15.00
Sale at Low Gap,	-	\$42.00

This money is used for expenses in repair and improvement of the churches as well as for some of the Chautauqua expenses.

## *Miss Boyd Bowlin at A.T.S.*

We were glad when one of our fine Presbyterian Young people from Peak Creek church decided to go in training for the Lord's work. Miss Boyd Bowlin is the young lady who made this decision, and she is in the Training School at Richmond. We hear from her often and she is doing splendidly. God inspire you and strengthen you in your work is our prayer, and may others follows your example.

## *Ashe County Children make Offering to China Relief*

Last summer the children of the Christian Chautauquas made offerings for the starving children of China. The total offering taken in all five of Chautauquas amounted to \$12.41. This was sent to the National Committee at New York, backed up by the prayers and love of the children of Ashe County.

## **End-of-the-Year SALE!**

The End-of-the-Year Sale is our way of saying "Thank You" for your patronage during the year now almost ended, with bargains such as have never been offered during the year. It is the beginning of our CLEARANCE, but we are conducting it at this time to give you the advantage of the five extra days selling before the New Year. You can expect much at this End-of-the-Year Sale, for we are determined to round out a most successful year at prices most advantageous to you.

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## Large Attendance Characterizes Schools of Missions

Never in the history of Ashe County have the Church Schools of Missions been so successful as those held in 1929. This is true not only in the splendid attendance and the fine spirit of interest and co-operation, but also in the results which are still being felt in the Churches of Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing where these schools were conducted.

During the Week of Self-Denial and Prayer the Churches of Jefferson and West Jefferson decided to hold simultaneous and "friendly-rival" schools. The approved text books were used. "The Desire of All Nations" was taught at Jefferson by the pastor and at West Jefferson by Miss Myrtle Williamson. "Camp Fires of the Congo" was taught at Jefferson by Mrs. R. H. Stone and at West Jefferson by Mrs. J. E. Cooper. In the attendance contest Jefferson was decidedly the winner—the attendance of thirty-five of the first afternoon grew to a total enrollment of seventy-four, twenty-two of whom were perfect in attendance. The enrollment at West Jefferson was thirty with two receiving certificates of perfect attendance.

At Lansing the same text books were used. The pastor taught the Adults; Miss Williamson, with the Young People, taught "The Desire of All Nations," using the project method. In spite of snow, mud, rain, wind and bad weather generally, the enrollment of one hundred and fifty-five gave an average attendance of sixty-four and one-half. There were seventeen receiving perfect attendance certificates. In the Young People's Class there was an increase of 200% in attendance.

As a result of these Schools new members are enrolled in the Sunday Schools and the Young People's Society; substantial gifts were made for Foreign Mission work; impressions were made which may lead some to give their lives to Christ for Foreign Mission service, and new interests and prayers are at work for the Master.

## Easter Service at W. Jefferson

A service of Easter music will be given in the West Jefferson church under the direction of Miss Lena Ruth Kirke. Miss Kirke has been invaluable as a musician this year and too much cannot be said in appreciation of her helpfulness and ability. The service promises to be one of beauty which will be very inspiring. The day is Sunday, March 31st at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

## Ambitious Plan for Christian Chautauqua for 1929

At a recent meeting of those who plan for the Christian Chautauqua it was determined that two additional Chautauquas be held this year. The reason for this action is that God has signally blessed the efforts of this movement. Recently a young man was baptized upon his having professed faith in Christ. He came from a fine Christian home—but until he came in touch with Rev. J. W. Luke and the Chautauqua he had had no interest in things religious. As a boy, his mother would get him ready for Sunday School and he would say to her "I am not going there to get those Jesus cards!" But since his contact with the Chautauqua it is safe to predict that there is a no more interested or faithful worker in the State.

The tentative schedule for the season is as follows:

Low Gap.....	May 15-29th
Ebenezer.....	June 2-16th
West Jefferson.....	June 19-July 3rd
Peak Creek.....	July 7-21st
Obids.....	July 24-August 7th
Lansing.....	August 11-25th
Open.....	Aug. 27-Sept. 8th.

A fine corps of workers is being secured and some forceful evangelists are being asked to conduct the evangelistic programs. These will be supported by Evangelistic teams from several of the cities. The prayers of the people are solicited for the Spirit's attendant blessings upon these services.

## Indispensability of Clothing Gifts

The friends of the work who have been so generous in their gifts of clothing to the little store will be interested in knowing that the amount made during January and February was \$129.05. Of this amount \$60.00 has been spent on the building program; \$10.00 for Chautauqua supplies; \$8.00 for personal aid and \$35.00 for car repairs. These gifts have come from all sections of North Carolina and from West Virginia. The gifts have been so generous and the need is so great that a second store has been opened at Lansing. The approaching summer conferences and Chautauquas will make many calls upon the budget so gifts just now are especially appreciated.

## "Forward, March!" in Building Progress

The Lansing Church is practically completed. Since our last issue a great deal of progress has been made. We had not dreamed of going forward so rapidly. The command has been "Forward, March!" and has come from Winston-Salem through Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, Mrs. E. P. Gray, Misses Lena and Flora V. Lott, Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet, Mrs. Wilson Gray, Mr. C. W. Harris, Mr. J. A. Byerly; from Reynolda Auxiliary through a great friend; from Greensboro through The Loyalty Bible Class, Greensboro First, Mrs. Roxie A. King, Circles Nos. 1, 11, 13, and 14 of the First Church Auxiliary; from Stoneville through Mr. O. C. Stone; from Drumore, Pa., through Dr. J. Q. Wilbar; from Abingdon, Va., through Mrs. J. W. Bell; from West Jefferson through Miss Lena Ruth Kirk (contribution used on West Jefferson Church); from West Durham through Misses Jean and Hallie Holeman; and from Charlotte through Mrs. C. E. Moore.

Words cannot express our abiding gratitude to those who love the Lord who have so magnificently given to His work. In other places in these columns you may read of the results and of the harvest being reaped. Many are the times that in our hearts there rang "a melody with heaven's harmony," because of these gifts and their meaning.

## Catechisms and the Lansing Library

The young people of the Lansing church are memorizing catechisms. There is a two-fold reason for this: First, they are interested in the teachings found therein, and Secondly: they are interested in their library. Sometime ago the Young People began to dream of a good library for the young people's room in the basement of the new church. A number of books were obtained, but the progress was slow. Then the good people at Greensboro heard of the desires and the Girl's Circle of the First Church sent a generous number. Another gift was made by the church at Quincy, Florida. Now the opportunity has come for the Young People to help secure their own books. Mr. M. W. Norfleet, with his usual helpful spirit, has offered a check to each person memorizing the catechisms. This money is to be used for books for the library. Many have taken advantage of Mr. Norfleet's generous offer and the library is expected to grow rapidly.

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***Thinking Unity***

There are two thoughts that every member of a church must have to make his church one of united force. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he," is spoken of a man, and the same can be spoken of a Church, for "As the church members think of their Church, so is the unified power of the Church."

What are two thoughts that each member must have? First, every member must consider himself a necessary part of the Church. Second, every member must think of the force that his church can have by every one working together.

First, every member must consider himself a necessary part. If a man with a truck load starts up the mountain, and one of his cylinders goes dead on him, he must fix it before the load can be pulled. That cylinder is necessary so that the whole work can be done. Now you are like the cylinders of the truck—your effort is necessary to pull the load. Suppose every cylinder in the truck became dead, there would be no work done at all. Suppose every Christian would be just as dead or alive as you—what would your church be like?

Second, Every member must think of the united force that is created by united effort of all.

We have all heard of the man who took the clock to pieces and when he put it together, he had a pile of wheels left. Remember the wheels of the Church are the church members, and the Church is not like the clock, there are no left-over Christians in the church work, but every Christian is a wheel that fitteth in his place. If you are out of work the Church will not run right. Your effort is necessary, don't shirk it.

Let us use some illustrations. When a man gets stuck in the mud with his team, what does he say? He says "All together now, everybody push." Everybody does push and the united force makes a lot of power, and out the team goes. If you watch a four-horse team pull, you will notice that a good driver tries to do what? Does he get one horse to jerk forward and fall back in the traces? No. Does he make the horses jerk a little separately? No. He gets every horse to pull at the

same time. The horses are trained to think of united force and they then use united effort. Every church member must think of united force. The powerful force that can be created by every body doing their bit.

Let the baseball player think of the victories that team work will bring; let the farmer think of the loads that the team work of his horses will pull; let the mechanic think of the power and speed that all four cylinders will create; let the man who gathers the waters of the little stream into the mill race and unites the force of many drops of water, let the business man who knows the value of co-operation in business; let the soldier who knows the power of united effort of every man—Let them, I say, think of his or her church in the same way and they have the ideas I am trying to bring to you. Every man doing his part makes a tremendous force.

One Christian cannot support an orphanage; one Christian cannot support a foreign missionary; one Christian cannot support a college; one Christian cannot support a Sunday school, but thirty can.

J. W. L.

***Auxiliaries Hold Elections***

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Jefferson and West Jefferson, and Lansing churches are closing their reports for another successful year. There have been some outstanding advancements in the work of these societies during the past year and the enthusiastic planning for the future promises much for next year. The elections last month give the following officers:

***Jefferson***

President—Mrs. James McNeill.  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. F. Scott.  
Secretary—Mrs. Jas. Colvard.  
Treasurer—Mrs. R. H. Stone.

***West Jefferson***

President—Mrs. E. C. Turner.  
Vice-President—Mrs. T. C. Bowie.  
Secretary—Mrs. Robert Barr.  
Treasurer—Mrs. W. J. Price.

***Lansing***

President—Miss Myrtle Williamson.  
Vice-President—Miss Fay Welch.  
Secretary—Miss Virginia Gentry.  
Treasurer—Mrs. J. M. Warren.

***Using Bible Given by Dr. Gillespie***

Mrs. Romie Miller of Fleetwood, N. C., and formerly a resident in her mother's home at Obids, still uses her Testament and Bible presented to her by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, for reciting the Child's and the Shorter Catechism. The Bible is well worn, and shows that it has been well used by the owner. The name of Dr. Gillespie is written in clear style in the front of the Bible.

***Excellent Sunday School Report***

In no part of the work has the blessing of the Lord been more evident than in the Sunday Schools; each school which has not shown an increase has held its own through the winter months and in Obids, Jefferson, and Lansing there has been such faithful attendance that the average has been better than ever before. At Obids the securing of Miss Elizabeth Dowling as teacher has been partly responsible for the increase; her services as teacher in this school and as substitute on other occasions have been of untold value throughout the year. At Jefferson and Lansing the Church School of Missions added new members to the rolls. At Jefferson the increase in gifts to benevolence is another cause for rejoicing. Perhaps the thing that has brought the greatest thanksgiving has been the establishing of a new school at Low Gap; this was the outgrowth of the splendid revival which Mr. Luke held in the school house there in the Fall; Mr. Luke and Miss Williamson are the teachers in this school and, as both of their schedules were filled for Sunday, the classes are held on Saturday afternoon. All the schools in the country are looking forward to a class in teacher training to be held at West Jefferson in April by Mr. Claude T. Carr.

***Dr. Gillespie's Picture Presented***

One of the most helpful and outstanding services of the year at Ebenezer church, was the presentation of Dr. E. E. Gillespie's picture to the church by Rev. R. H. Stone in the name of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Messrs. E. A. McNeill, and A. R. Vail of the Jefferson, and Mr. D. C. Bare of the Ebenezer Church, gave talks on their recollections of Dr. Gillespie as he did his pioneer work in the county. After these exceedingly interesting reveries, Rev. R. H. Stone, after very fitting words, presented the picture which was received by the Pastor, J. W. Luke.

Rev. R. H. Stone, in his talk, spoke of Ebenezer Church as being the mother Presbyterian church of the county, and especially for this reason, the Jefferson church as daughter church, presented the picture. Dr. Gillespie did his great work for Presbyterianism in the years 1897 and '98, founding Ebenezer church in these years.

The picture is slightly tinted and is framed. It now hangs upon the wall of the largest room of the Gillespie Sunday School which is the new addition to Ebenezer church. The picture will ever be an inspiration to us all, reminding us of that zealous and energetic pioneer Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

## Communion Services Planned

Easter Sunday comes on the fifth Sunday in the month of March this season. Communion services are planned for the churches of Obids at 11:00 a. m., for Ebenezer at 3:00 p. m., at Peak Creek at 7:30 p. m., on Easter Sunday. It is hoped that every member possible will try to attend these services. Let us pray that it will be a day of re consecration to our Risen Savior.

## Meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will begin its Twelfth Annual Meeting in the Reynolda Presbyterian Church on April 9th at 7:30 P. M. Every church in Ashe should send an elder.

The Presbyterial Auxiliary will convene in the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church on April 11th in the afternoon. May each church be represented with a full quota.

## News for Men of the Church

At the last meeting of the Men-of-the-Church, the law of the Meades and Persians of this organization which says that each member of the Men-of-the-Church should pay \$1.00 was brought up, and the members were asked to pay their little fee so as to help especially on some debts which our paper had incurred. Five members have paid—follow their example and send yours to the Secretary. Thank you.

The next meeting for the Men-of-the-Church is to be at Jefferson, Friday, April 5th, at 2:30 p. m.

## Benevolences

The Synod of North Carolina has a Benevolent Budget for the year beginning April 1st of \$900,000.00. Of this amount the Presbytery of Winston-Salem is asked to raise \$60,000.00. Of this amount our Churches are asked to raise as follows: Jefferson, \$212.00; West Jefferson, \$136.00; Obids, \$96.00; Peak Creek, \$80.00; Lansing, \$66.00; Ebenezer, \$64.00.

Let us make a mighty effort to give every cent of it. This is an expression of our good will through our gifts for God's work.

In some of the Churches the E. M. C. has been made and in others it is being made.

The Manse Collection taken about the first of the year amounted to more than \$60.00. The Jefferson Sunday School made a contribution of \$28.65 to the Benevolent Budget of the Church.

Just fifty years to the month after Edison perfected the incandescent bulb, the towns of Jefferson and West Jefferson were hooked on to adequate power lines giving a twenty-four hour service. It is understood that Lansing is soon to have this service too. Jefferson and West Jefferson churches are lighted and the new Lansing Church will be when the power arrives.

Mr. D. A. Perkins has a great deal of stock in the Churches at Lansing and West Jefferson. Sand for plastering is at a premium. He very generously donated an amount sufficient for what work has been done. Mr. Perkins, we thank you. We hope that you enjoy your investment.

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**Potatoes Are Sold**

The potatoes grown by the churches of Obids, and Ebenezer and Peak Creek have been sold. We picked a bad year to put out our crop for potatoes are too cheap to hardly pay for hauling. The potatoes were sold at prices ranging from 55c. to 75c.

What potatoes Obids had dug sold for \$9.30.

Largest of Ebenezer potatoes sold for \$3.35. The small ones and most of them are being fed to our pig.

Peak Creek potatoes sold for \$21.80. Total \$34.45.

Although there was expense of fertilizer and hauling and sorting, this money will be turned over to the church for further investment.

**Welcome to New Members and Officers**

The following have recently been received into the membership of our churches: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper, West Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ham, Lena Faw, Margaret Carty, and Wayne Welch (each by profession of faith and baptism), Lansing; Louise and Rose Colvard and Evelyn Denton, (each by profession of faith and baptism), Jefferson.

At a congregational meeting of the Lansing Church, Mr. J. S. Miller was elected elder and Wayne Welch and Blain Miller were elected deacons. The Session ordained and installed them on March 24th at the hour of morning worship.

**Radio Services**

Theologically, we are conservative. Methodically, we are progressive. Each one of our six churches was ready for the Synod-wide broadcast in preparation for the Every-Member Canvass. Between eight hundred and fifty and a thousand people heard these services.

This was a unique thing. Never has religion so dominated the air in North Carolina. Dr. E. E. Gillespie had made a fine preparation for this broadcast. Drs. A. D. P. Gilmour, of Wilmington, Dr. Clay Lilly, of Reynolda, and B. R. Laey, of Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, were the speakers.

**Funeral of Mrs. Franklin Atwood**

There are not many who live to the age of ninety-seven. This was the age of Mrs. Franklin Atwood, the oldest living member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

She went to rest on the morning of February 10, 1929, and was buried in the family grave yard not far from the home place of the Atwoods. Rev. R. H. Stone conducted the services at the home of Mrs. Atwood's son, Mr. Andrew Atwood.

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